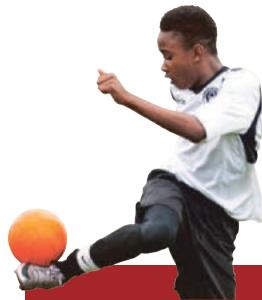


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NEWS FROM TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Community effort saves GP practice

BY LARAIN CLAY

THE success of a community campaign to save a GP surgery from closure will be celebrated this week when it is officially re-opened.

St Katharine Docks Medical Practice, run by Dr Sarit Patel, was one of the GP practices in the borough that was under threat of closure last April due to funding changes.

The Friends of St Katharine

Docks swung into action to keep the popular surgery open, recruiting more patients to register with the practice to boost income. They encouraged Dr Patel to apply for funding to refurbish the outdated

surgery premises in Thomas More Street, Wapping.

Sue Hughes, chair of the Friends group, told East End Life: "This practice is vital to the local community of St Katharine Docks and the surrounding area,

with 1,700 patients reliant on its services. When we heard the surgery was under threat in April 2014 we formed an action group to support our excellent GP and his team."

Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group agreed to fund a complete refurbishment of the premises to bring it up to date and to create an additional consulting room.

The Friends also persuaded Land Securities to provide an empty unit free of charge in their Thomas More Square

development for the practice to move into while the surgery was completely gutted and rebuilt.

Supporters even helped with the move when the work was carried out before Christmas.

All the hard work and campaigning has now paid off and the new-look surgery will be officially opened this Friday, January 30.

But Ms Hughes said the Friends' work was not over: "We will continue to campaign for monies to fund the ongoing running costs of the practice."

FREE IS THE MAGIC NUMBER



THESE youngsters at Mudchute Farm Children's Centre are among the many two-year-olds taking up a free place at their local nursery. Find out if your child is eligible for a free childcare place by calling the council's family information service on 7364 6495 or go to www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Learning2

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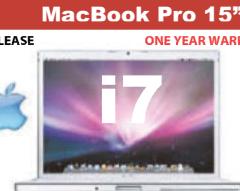
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Some of the East India Company's records and collections are stored at the National Maritime Museum.

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Going the way of the dinosaurs

Some of the East India Company's records and collections are stored at the British Library, National Maritime Museum, Victoria & Albert Museum and London Metropolitan Archives.

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Human stories behind history of East India Co

BY LARAIN CLAY

A GROUP of researchers are hoping to uncover the human stories behind the East India Company's operations that had an impact on Asian and British lives for more than two centuries.

Community group Brick Lane Circle is taking on 12 volunteers to explore the company's records after being given a £47,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The main focus of the project will be on the life and dramas of people and objects, and events and institutions associated with the company's operations based on the East End docks.

The volunteers, or heritage interpreters, will investigate the records of its tea exchange rooms, the quarterly auctions of goods, its activities on the River Thames and the actual dealings inside the East India Company House.

The researchers will be hoping to unearth stories based on the experiences of dock and warehouse workers, British women going to India to find company-approved partners and Asian seamen jumping ships.

A spokesman for the Circle said: "Although the project will primarily focus on the issues concerning East India Company, and the period of its active existence covering 1600 to 1858,

there will be scope to also include human stories beyond this time period should the heritage story writers wish to do so."

The project volunteers will visit museums and other archives,

receive training on archival research, get mentoring support and write short stories, based on their findings.

The project will result in a book of short stories, information on a website, and a heritage

literature festival at the London Metropolitan Archives to celebrate the work.

For more information contact Brick Lane Circle on 07914 119282 or email bricklanecircle@yahoo.co.uk



PROJECT work about dinosaurs by year 3 pupils at Arnhem Wharf Primary School has gone on public display. The children have been using their scientific and artistic skills to make miniature dinosaur sculptures in clay, with their designs inspired by research in school and a visit to the Natural History Museum. Working with community artist Jane Rogers, they have also made large-scale willow sculptures of Tyrannosaurus rex and a triceratops, which have pride of place in the school garden. The smaller models can be seen in the Community Window Gallery at Canary Wharf until March.

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In memory of those killed by the Nazis

Forty-six governments met in Sweden to launch the first Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2000, to preserve the memory of those who died in the Holocaust and later genocides.

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Remembering the millions who died in the Holocaust

BY SUSAN MULLIGAN

NATIONAL Holocaust Memorial Day will be marked with an inter-faith service this weekend.

The day is recognised around the world on January 27, the date of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp, in 1945.

Each year the day of remembrance provides an opportunity to remember the millions of people who suffered and died

during the Holocaust under Nazi persecution, and through genocides in countries including Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Sudan.

Tower Hamlets launched the No Place for Hate campaign in 2008 to bring together a partnership of community and faith groups, businesses, the council, politicians and the police to stand together against groups that attempt to bring hate messages to the borough.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said:

"Tower Hamlets is proud of its cohesive and harmonious borough. Tower Hamlets will never tolerate hate groups here. Holocaust Memorial Day reminds us of the importance of a tolerant society."

An inter-faith service will be held at Nelson Street Synagogue in Nelson Street, Whitechapel on Sunday, February 1 from 3pm.

The Jewish East End Celebration Society has also organised a free guided walk entitled

The Jewish East End, World War II and the Holocaust.

Guide Clive Bettington will highlight the area's links with WWII and the Holocaust. It starts at Aldgate station at 12 noon and will end at Nelson Street Synagogue in time for the service. Booking in advance is advised – call 07941 367882 or email c.bettington@jeecs.org.uk

There are a number of other self-guided walks that can be downloaded from the council

website at www.towerhamletsarts.org.uk

Hafsa Jalloh, a year 13 student at Bishop Challoner Sixth Form in Wapping, is exhibiting a series of black-and-white photographs at the school taken during a school trip to Auschwitz last September to mark National Holocaust Memorial Day.

"What I saw at Auschwitz had such a profound effect on me that I wanted to share what I could of the experience with the rest of the school," she said.

Silence for Paris victims

A MEETING of the council last Wednesday held a minute's silence in memory of the victims of the terror attacks in France earlier this month.

Councillors also unanimously backed a motion condemning the atrocities and supporting "the loss shared by our French neighbours in this borough, city and those just 20 miles across the Channel".

"The wickedness of those who brutally murdered journalists, police officers and citizens at the Jewish supermarket will not divide the people of Europe who have fought for the basic freedoms of speech and assembly, regardless of our different nationalities," stated the motion, which was proposed by Cllr Chris Chapman.

The speaker of the council, Cllr Abdul Chunu Mukit, will be writing to the French Ambassador, Sylvie Bermann, to express the council's solidarity.

“They will not divide the people of Europe, regardless of our different nationalities.”



(Above, from left) Shamsal Haque from the Council of Mosques, Mayor Lutfur Rahman, Rev Alan Green, chair of Tower Hamlets Inter Faith Forum, Dilwar Khan of East London Mosque and other community leaders at the gathering

COMMUNITY and faith leaders and members of the Inter Faith Forum met last week to reaffirm the borough's commitment to No Place for Hate. Mayor Lutfur Rahman hosted the meeting at the Town Hall in Poplar which was also attended by the new borough police commander Andy Ewing.

(Right) Leon Silver of Nelson St Synagogue



Vote for the Young Mayor

THERE'S still time to vote for the Young Mayor.

Fourteen candidates are vying for the role, with elections taking place on Wednesday, January 28 in schools across the borough.

Over the past few years, the Young Mayor elections have gained enormous momentum in engaging young people with local democracy.

The Young Mayor serves for a period of two years with a small team of deputies.

Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/youngmayor or call 7364 3091. The list of candidates is featured on page 22.

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Join campaigners' March for Homes

HOUSING campaigners from across London will be taking part in the March for Homes this Saturday, January 31.

Marchers will be meeting at St Leonard's Church in Shoreditch High Street, E1 from 12 noon and heading for City Hall, SE1, calling for investment in council housing, rent control and security of tenure.

Surf to Gransnet

PEOPLE over the age of 50 are being encouraged to surf the web and join the online community at Gransnet.

A community fun day is being organised at Idea Store Chrisp Street with Gransnet on Thursday, January 29 from 10am-2pm, featuring workshops, talks, competitions and refreshments.

It is a chance to meet like-minded people, share ideas and discover services which residents may have been missing out on.

Gransnet is a social networking site launched in May 2011. Its forums cover everything from politics to holidays, gardening to relationship advice.

Author Kathy Lette, TV presenter Judy Finnigan and actor Timothy Spall are among the high-profile names who have contributed to the website.

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Speak to the decision makers

The community safety surgeries and walkabouts give residents the opportunity to speak to senior members of the police and council about their local concerns.

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Walk and talk to help cut crime

A series of walkabouts and surgeries held across the borough have been successful in raising awareness of community safety issues, as **Stefan Swift** reports. Photos by **Rehan Jamil**.

WALKABOUTS and surgeries organised by the council have enabled councillors, police officers and professionals to explore crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues and how best to address them.

The council's new mobile police office has now visited nine wards since last September to hear about any crime and ASB concerns directly from the community.

Led by Cllr Ohid Ahmed, cabinet member for community safety, with the police, each surgery has been followed by a walkabout in the local area.

Cllr Ahmed has been joined by former borough police commander Dave Stringer, the council's head of safer communities Andy Bamber, police officers, Tower Hamlets enforcement officers (THEOs), housing officers, and youth and drug outreach workers.

The new borough commander, Andy Ewing, who started work in the borough earlier this month, will be attending all the remaining visits.

Information received from the public, police, the council and partners has been used to develop plans for the different wards.

For example, there have been fewer repeat ASB complaints and more neighbourhood policing patrols targeted at drug dealers and users in Spitalfields & Banglatown.

In St Dunstan's, there has been a clampdown on street drinking and



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Residents, police and councillors on a walkabout in St Peter's ward



Cllr Ohid Ahmed leads a community safety walkabout through Altab Ali Park, Whitechapel

initiatives launched by schools to give young people more things to do.

As a result of the walkabouts, improvements will be made to Altab Ali Park to make it more appealing to families and improved street lighting in Whitechapel to help prevent ASB.

Cllr Ahmed said: "This third series of walkabouts is proving a real success and we are taking direct action as a result of the issues people raise. Since the first walkabouts were held we have seen the number of resident concerns around crime drop significantly."

Residents can still voice concerns they have about crime directly to the council and

police when they visit the remaining 11 wards over the coming months.

From October 2012 to May 2013 and from October 2013 to April 2014, the Community Safety Partnership and neighbourhood policing teams implemented two rounds of community safety ward walkabouts across the then 17 wards in the borough.

It was decided to launch the new surgeries to complement the third round of walkabouts which began in September 2014 and will run until June.

The events were held in response to previous annual residents' surveys which reported perception of crime and ASB were concerns for residents, including levels of confidence in the police and council in dealing with these issues.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "Partnership working, such as these surgeries and walkabouts, has resulted in making the borough safer.

"We continue to develop ward action plans to ensure that we continue to become a safer borough"

Superintendent
Chris Barclay



Police and councillors in St Peter's ward



A walkabout in Weavers ward



'A healthy, thriving church'

"All Hallows is a healthy, thriving church. What Cris and Beki have done here is exceptional and shows that people are longing for faith, community and seeing lives transformed."

THE BISHOP OF STEPNEY, BELOW

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Universal credit to begin in March

THE government has announced that the national roll-out of universal credit will begin in Tower Hamlets and five other London councils on March 2.

Following a number of pilots in the north of the country, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has chosen Tower Hamlets, Barnet, Brent, Hounslow, Wandsworth and Hammersmith & Fulham coun-

cils to launch the new benefit in London.

At first, the roll-out will only affect new single claimants of out-of-work benefits, including those eligible for housing benefit.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "Universal credit will drastically change the way that people access their benefits. It is important for residents to be aware of the impact that it will have on household finances."

Cabinet member for resources Cllr Alibor Choudhury said: "I am proud that Tower Hamlets has a wealth of local advice and support to help residents. This will be vital given the government's plans for universal credit roll-out."

The council is currently in discussions with Job Centre Plus regarding arrangements for the roll-out of universal credit.

Husband & wife team at heart of All Hallows

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

A HUSBAND and wife who helped transform a church with a shrinking congregation into a thriving centre have been appointed as its permanent clergy.

The Bishop of Stepney, the Rt Rev Adrian Newman, performed the installation ceremony for Cris and Beki Rogers as rectors of All Hallows Church, Bow on January 14.

More than 140 people crammed into the church to celebrate its new lease of life.

By the Rogers' own admission, All Hallows was a "failing" church five years ago – it had no leader, the congregation was shrinking and there was hardly any hope of a new vicar being placed there.

"Weekly attendance was around seven to ten people but this small group were committed to keeping their building open," Cris said.

The couple, originally from Harrow, convinced the bishop that they wanted to have a go at reviving the church and arrived in 2010 to start work.

In the past five years, the Rogers have endured a burglary, muggings and on one occasion they came home to find a 'for sale' sign on the church.

Now the congregation has grown to such an extent that the church has been given a second building for some of its activities.

"We run two Sunday



Husband and wife team Cris and Beki Rogers have transformed the fortune of All Hallows Church in Bow

services, a café for non-English speakers, a Cocaine Anonymous group, tea clubs for those needing friendships, knitting clubs and craft sessions and so much more," Cris said.

The couple thanked "the incredible team" at All Hallows for their hard work and support.

Beki said: "One of the most amazing things about the East

End is the people – the diversity, the energy, the variety. I love living here and ministering to the people of E3."

The Rt Rev Newman said: "All Hallows is a healthy, thriving church. What Cris and Beki have done here is exceptional and shows that people are longing for faith, community and seeing lives transformed."

On the money

The council is working with advice organisations to provide free help and support on money matters.

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Money help at hand

RESEARCH by the government's Money Advice Service has found that 75 per cent of people who made resolutions for 2015 focused on money goals.

It also found that two out of three adults had never checked their credit report, and that most did not know that ratings can affect bank accounts, utility provider applications and mobile phone contracts.

In Tower Hamlets, the council is encouraging residents to make the most of support available to help with money matters.

It is working with a number of advice organisations – including Toynbee Hall in Whitechapel, the Bromley by Bow Centre, Citizens Advice Bureau and the Limehouse Project – to provide free help and support on financial matters.

Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/welfarereform

Taking and talking photography

A FREE six-week Talking Photos course aimed at residents who have English as a second language starts next month.

It is open to ESOL students and others who are keen to practise their spoken English while learning about photography.

The course includes step-by-step photography tuition, a chance to explore Whitechapel – and a free set of postcards created by the group. No previous experience of digital photography is required and cameras are provided.

A Thursday course for men and women starts on February 12 and a Friday women-only course begins on February 13.

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Food that's fit for purpose

The Food for Health Awards has been in place in Tower Hamlets since 2009. Restaurants, cafés, markets, takeaways and stores are recognised for making healthy changes to the food they sell.

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We stand together

WE watched in horror the atrocities in Paris. The acts of mindless violence on the streets of a nearby capital city were shocking.

At the council, staff held a minute's silence at the same time as those killed in the initial attacks were remembered in Paris. And like public servants at all levels, we have since been considering our own approach to preventing and tackling extremism.

Here in Tower Hamlets I am proud of the strong record we have of promoting our borough as No Place for Hate.

Community leaders from all faiths have repeatedly come together, unified against perpetrators of hate of any kind.

We stood together after the 7/7 bombings in 2005 and worked as one to prevent the English Defence League (EDL) from spreading disruption and racism in our borough in 2013.

And last week I was pleased to meet with the new borough commander, Andy Ewing, community and faith leaders and members of the Inter Faith Forum to offer support and reassurance to the community



LUTFUR RAHMAN | MAYOR OF TOWER HAMLETS

and to re-emphasise our No Place for Hate pledge.

We know our residents get along – the latest residents' survey showed that 78 per cent of people feel their area is a place where people of different backgrounds get on well together.

I will continue to work with the police and our partners to reiterate in the strongest terms that hate-related activities are not welcome in our borough.

In Tower Hamlets this week young people will be exercising their democratic freedom and electing a new Young Mayor.

I hope as many of you as possible will turn out on Wednesday to elect your representative, and I look forward to working closely with the successful candidate in the very near future.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman

Healthy options come to a store near you

BY ANNA WILSON

THIRTY convenience stores have been given a makeover to encourage residents to eat more fresh fruit and veg.

The changes – part of the Food for Health Buywell project – will mean more people can get their hands on affordable, good-quality produce to help them eat five-a-day. And participating shops will enjoy an increase in sales and profits.

Salam Sheikh, who runs a Costcutter store, said: "Since making changes with the Buywell project, I've sold more fruit and vegetables in one day than I usually do in a whole week."

The stores are also benefiting from Change4Life branding, to further promote fruit and vegetables to customers.

Cllr Abdul Asad, cabinet member for adult and health services, said: "This project has been developed with feedback from



Children from Global Kids Day Care at Londis, Burdett Road

local people, saying they wanted their local shops to stock better quality, affordable, healthy food.

"People want to eat more healthily – the Buywell project is giving them the opportunity to do just that locally."

Each of the stores has been supported through the Buywell scheme to improve the quality, range, freshness and

location of their fresh produce. Tower Hamlets came second for providing healthy and sustainable food in the London Good Food Guide 2014, produced by the Sustain alliance for better food and farming.

Recent research by London Metropolitan University analysing a range of fruit and vegetables from Buywell convenience stores and market traders

showed that the quality was just as good as that available in supermarkets.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson appointed former newspaper editor Rosie Boycott as chair of the London Food Board, which supports such schemes boosting access to fresh food.

Ms Boycott said: "The Buywell project is excellent as it puts fresh fruit and veg directly into local shops where people want to do their day-to-day shopping and enthuses staff so they can be more knowledgeable about stocking healthier food."

Esther Trenchard-Mabere, associate director of public health at the council, said children in Tower Hamlets had among the highest rates of obesity in the country.

She added: "Our long-term aim is to help everyone maintain a healthy weight. This will help reduce the risk of diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer."

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Wharf puts tech on another level

SPACE at Canary Wharf dedicated to technology start-up businesses has been filled so quickly that a third floor has now been opened.

Canary Wharf Group originally opened Level39 on the 39th floor of One Canada Square in March 2013, which was followed by High Growth Space: 42, three floors above, in September last year.

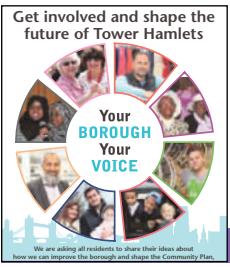
Both areas are now more than 95 per cent occupied, with Level39 supporting younger companies and High Growth Space: 42 housing companies of eight or more employees.

Last week saw the opening of High Growth Space: 24, offering

25,000 sq feet on the 24th floor. The first occupant, a financial technology company, has already been signed up.

Eric Van der Kleij, head of Level39 at Canary Wharf Group, said: "With over 160 tech companies now based at Level39 and our High Growth Space: 42, we remain committed to delivering the right type of spaces and support for technology companies to succeed."

"This second High Growth Space, which has opened within two years of Level39's launch, is our third complete floor and underscores Canary Wharf's leading position as part of London's growing status as a global technology company hub."



Help decide priorities

The Your Borough Your Voice consultation gives residents the chance to help shape the council's budget. Two meetings are being held over the next fortnight as part of the campaign.

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Serving the East End

For local information on cancer and the care services provided across north east London, visit...

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Pets lend a paw to mental health patients

ANIMALS are being enrolled to help make mental health patients feel better and to improve their morale.

East London NHS Foundation Trust has introduced animal-assisted therapy, working with qualified practitioners and their trained pets.

Using animals in therapy has been shown to reduce stress and promote a sense of wellbeing, a view supported by the trust's clinicians, service users and staff.

Pet therapy dog Leo has been a regular visitor to the Rose Bank ward at the Tower Hamlets Centre for Mental Health where patients have shown improvements in their low mood, anxiety and depression.

One service user said: "When your confidence is at its lowest,

when you feel battered – by life, death and (especially) other humans – a dog will shove her nose in your hand and tell you, with conviction and feeling, what a really good person you are."

Matron Maureen Brown said: "Simple interactions such as petting, cuddling and fetch sessions have improved patient morale."

"Our pet therapy trained dog Leo offers an opportunity for companionship, relaxation and fun."

She said the impact had been immediately visible and on one occasion Leo was able to calm a distressed patient with a history of self-harm.

Maureen Brown is pictured with Leo the dog



Have your say on budget proposals

BY SUSAN MULLIGAN

THE council will be providing an update on proposals for next year's budget at two public meetings over the coming fortnight.

Government cuts mean that the council must make £100 million of savings by 2018. So far, it has managed the impact of government funding reductions, but it will have to make more difficult decisions.

The council consulted with residents about the 2015/16 budget last autumn.

Views were sought on specific savings proposals and

some 451 completed surveys were returned. About 800 people also attended local groups and service user events.

Now, two more meetings are being held where residents can find out more about the budget.

The first is at Idea Store Bow this Thursday, January 29 from 6-7.30pm. The second is at Idea Store Whitechapel on February 5 from 6-7.30pm.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "Central government cuts are hitting the public purse across the UK.

In Tower Hamlets, we will continue to protect our residents from the cuts wherever possi-

ble, and we remain committed to ensuring that our residents' priorities are at the heart of our ongoing spending plans."

Cabinet member for resources, Cllr Alibor Choudhury, said: "The government's austerity measures mean that we have to make difficult decisions about the budget.

"It is important for residents to continue to work with us to help shape the priorities for Tower Hamlets."

A full response to all consultation issues raised by residents so far has been published on the council's website – www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

Defibrillator campaign could be a lifesaver

THE London Ambulance Service is running a campaign which aims to get at least 1,000 extra defibrillators into the capital.

When someone suffers a cardiac arrest, their heart stops

and blood ceases to be pumped around their body.

Quick use of a defibrillator, which can restart the heart, greatly improves their chances of survival.

For more information on how

to get a defibrillator for your organisation and training on how to use it, call the Shockingly Easy campaign on 7783 2366 or visit www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/shockinglyeasy

Look out for cancer signs

THE Be Clear on Cancer campaign is encouraging people, particularly those over the age of 50, to recognise the signs of stomach cancer.

If you have had heartburn most days for three weeks or more it is probably nothing serious, but you should see your doctor just to check.

Each year in England 6,900 people are diagnosed with oesophageal cancer and 6,000 with stomach cancer.

Other symptoms include indigestion, trapped wind and frequent burping, unexplained weight loss or feeling full very quickly when eating.

Food can also feel like it sticks in your throat, you could have nausea or vomiting, or suffer pain or discomfort in your upper tummy area.



Tuesday 27 January, 1.30pm-5.30pm
Queen Mary Students' Union Hub,
329 Mile End Road, London, E1 4NT

Tower Hamlets Volunteering Fair

Come and find out more about local volunteering. Over 30 organisations will be recruiting volunteers on the day. The Fair is free and open to anyone who lives, works or studies in Tower Hamlets. The Fair is organised by Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets with QMSU.

Start volunteering now!
Find out more at www.vcth.org.uk

With support from





For your information

Parking to pest control,
housing to hate crime

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Get on top of your finances in 2015

If you do want to get on top of your finances in 2015, the Financial Ombudsman Service – offering free advice with the power to sort out financial problems – has some handy tips to help you along.

SEE BELOW

Useful information

How to get your finances in shape

Money advice from the Financial Ombudsman Service

HOW are you getting on with your New Year's resolutions?

Whether you promised to embrace a healthier lifestyle, or become more responsible with your money, reports claim that many people break their New Year's pledges within the first two weeks of January, either by overeating or overspending.

But if the conditions are met, you might be able to get your money back from the company that provided you with credit.

Cooling off

But just because you may not have got off to the best start or have slipped up along the way, it doesn't mean you should give up altogether.

It can be daunting to know where to start, or to pull yourself back on track.

But if you do want to get on top of your finances in 2015, your neighbour in South Quay, the Financial Ombudsman Service – offering free advice with the power to sort out financial problems – has some handy tips to help you along.

Calendars and catalogues

KEEP a note of the dates any regular payments are due from your account, so you can make sure you have enough money available.

If you don't think you're going to have enough cash, let your bank know as soon as you can – they may be able to help.

Keep an eye on your payment date; it may not always fall on the same day each month. For example some payments, like those to catalogue companies, debit your account every 28 days which means your payment date will shift.

Know your credit rights

USING a credit card to buy goods or services can provide some extra protection if something goes wrong, under a

little known piece of consumer law – section 75.

You can use it if the goods or services you have paid for don't turn up or aren't of the agreed standard. These rules only apply in certain circumstances, including if the cost of the total purchase is more than £100 but less than £30,000.

But if the conditions are met, you might be able to get your money back from the company that provided you with credit.

MANY financial products – like credit agreements and insurance policies – have 'cooling off' periods, when you can cancel if you change your mind.

Credit agreements will generally give you a 14-day cooling off period should you change your mind; insurance contracts can vary from 14 days to 30. However, there may be exceptions – so it makes sense to check what your rights are before you sign up.

Cold calls

MANY people tell us they've signed up to contracts after being 'cold called'. Don't feel pressured in to signing up to anything on the spot. Stop and take the time to think if you really want it – and do some research; you might be able to get a better deal.

While it can be difficult to start any kind of fitness plan – you don't need to be a financial expert. If you find there is a problem, just tell the business what's gone wrong in your own words – and speak to us if you're not sure how to begin.

We hope that by following these handy tips you'll minimise the chances of sustaining a financial injury. However, if you do find your finances start to ache, get in touch – our free service can help you work out any money knots. Go to www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk or 0800 023 4 567.



Get on top of your finances in 2015

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SEE BELOW

Chemist rota

Pharmacists in Tower Hamlets with extended opening hours

E1

ABC Drug Stores, 12-14 Montague Street: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm.

Beck & Sherman, 197 Whitechapel Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, bank holidays 11am-1pm.

Sainsbury's, The Albion Brewery: Mon-Fri 8.30am-10pm, Sat 7.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-5pm.

Chapel, 139 Cannon Street:

Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm.

E2

Fairdale, 360 Bethnal Green Road: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am-6.30pm, Thurs 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

Florida, 307 Bethnal Green Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

Tesco, Hancock Road: Mon 8am-10.30pm, Tues-Fri 6.30am-10.30pm, Sat 6.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

E3

Bell, 534 Roman Road: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 10am-2pm.

Forward, 648 Mile End Road:

Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun and bank holidays 10am-6pm.

Green Light, St Andrew's Health Centre, 2 Hannaford Walk: 8am-8pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays.

Lincoln, 60 St Paul's Way: Mon, Tues, Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs, Fri, 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm.

Boots, Unit 15, Jubilee Place:

Mon-Fri 7am-midnight, Sat 8am-4pm.

E14

9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm.
Britannia (Perimart), Asda Precinct, East Ferry Road: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 11am-4pm, bank holidays 11am-6pm.

Doctors

Please ring your doctor's surgery for an appointment, but if it's the weekend or late at night, call 7377 7151 (only for people in Tower Hamlets who are registered with a doctor).

To find a doctor, dentist or help to quit smoking call the health hotline on 7364 5016, Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 8am-4pm.

Advice

Family Information Service (FIS)

The Family Information Service provides information for people from birth to age 19 including helping parents and carers find high quality childcare, advice on tax credits and childcare vouchers. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm. 30 Greatorex Street, E1. fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk 7364 6495

Tower Hamlets Home Birth Support Group

Last Thurs of each month, 8pm. 31 Ridgdale Street, E3. 8981 1159

Parents Advice Centre (PAC)

Offers impartial advice around special educational needs (SEN). 30 Greatorex Street, E1. Drop-in sessions every Tues, 9.30am-3.30pm & Fri, 9.30am-3.30pm. 7364 6489

LinkAge Plus

Toynbee Hall is one of five network centres that co-ordinates services and activities provided. Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm, drop-in session for advice on benefits, pensions, employment and housing. Appointments necessary. Mon 9am-5pm, Bangladeshi group. Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E1 7392 2914 www.toynebeehall.org.uk

Welfare advice

All the organisations listed below can help you with welfare benefits, housing and general debt problems.

Account 3

1-9 Birkbeck Street, E2. 7739 7720 www.account3.org.uk

Bangladesh Youth Movement

21-23 Henriques St, E1. 7488 1831/2

Tower Hamlets Home Birth Support Group

21-23 Henriques St, E1. 7488 1831/2

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton Street, Isle of Dogs, E14. 7987 9379 www.island-advice.org.uk

Legal Advice Centre

University House, 104 Roman Road, E2. 8980 4205 www.legaladvicecentre.org.uk

Bromley by Bow Centre

St Leonard's Street, E3. 8709 9737 www.bbbc.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

32 Greatorex Street, E1. 7247 1050 www.adviceguide.org.uk

Limehouse Project

Cheadle Hall, Cheadle House, Copenhagen Place, E14. 7538 0075 www.limehouseproject.org.uk

Praxis (New Residents Service)

Pott Street, E2. 7729 7985 www.praxis.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Law Centre

(specialist advice by appointment). Tower Hamlets Law Centre, Unit 1, St. Anne's Street, off 789-791 Commercial Road, E14. 7538 4909 www.thlc.co.uk

Photo order form

Copies of pictures published in East End Life taken by council photographers are available to readers. To request a copy, email eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk and we can send it straight away.

If you do not have access to email fill in this form and send it to Photos, East End Life, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG. This service does take longer.

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Debt advice

Toynbee Hall Advice Service

28 Commercial Street, E1. 7392 2953

advice@toynebeehall.org.uk

www.toynebeehall.org.uk

Fair Money Advice

530 Commercial Road, E1. 7702 8032

www.fairfinance.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton Street

Isle of Dogs, E14. 7987 9379

www.island-advice.org.uk

National Debt Line

0808 808 4000

You don't have
to stand for it



A sensitive issue

"I am sure readers will agree this leaflet is beautifully designed, well researched, informative and authoritative. It tackles a highly sensitive issue in a way that is both direct and sympathetic."

JOHN WATKIN, HEAD TEACHER AT HARPLEY INCLUSION CENTRE

SEE BELOW

News

PM urged to take action on poverty

A TEENAGER from Poplar has added her signature to a letter to the Prime Minister urging him to join other world leaders to take action against poverty, inequality and climate change.

Juwairiyah Aftab was among a group of fifteen 15-year-olds, who handed in the letter at 10 Downing Street earlier this month as part of the action2015 campaign.

The letter calls on David Cameron to prioritise decisions on these issues at two world summits in New York and Paris later this year.

Juwairiyah, who volunteers with the charity Islamic Relief, said: "I have seen first-hand

the effects of poverty in my own community.

"I'm taking part in action2015 because it's vital that the UK's current leaders do all they can to make a safe, just and prosperous future for young people.

"We are worried about poverty around the world and equality and justice as this affects us all.

"I want to see the UK's leaders take serious action at the two big summits coming up this year. I'm optimistic that we can beat poverty and ensure education is a key focus on the global agenda – but we have to act now."

For more information about action2015 visit www.action2015.org



Juwairiyah (wearing headscarf) with the group at Number 10

Girls help tackle gender violence

BY STEFAN SWIFT

A GROUP of students has helped produce a leaflet about gender-based violence.

Students and teachers from the Harpley Inclusion Centre, a pupil referral unit, in Stepney Green launched the leaflet at a conference organised to highlight the importance of youth participation in tackling violence against women and girls in the borough.

The flyer was created after the domestic violence team linked up with students on the centre's BTEC health and social care course, for which they had to launch a health campaign and produce materials.

Council staff worked with the young women in weekly sessions to come up with a suitable design and relevant information.

One student said: "At the



Head teacher John Watkin with students Nishat, Jessica, Daisy and Maisie, council officer Lucy Allwright and tutor Alison Kouzaris

beginning of this project I knew what physical abuse was but I didn't know about emotional abuse.

"I think in some ways it's more hurtful – you go through stress, depression and everything."

The resulting flyer will be used by the council to contribute towards prevention, a key pillar of the violence against women and girls strategy, and will be sent to schools and youth services.

Cllr Ohid Ahmed, cabinet

member for community safety, said: "The literature from this project is a wonderful resource."

Harpley Centre head teacher John Watkin said: "The launch of this leaflet was an immensely proud moment.

"The education of these girls has, at some time in the past, been badly disrupted but they are back on track and working hard to get the best possible start to their post-school futures.

"This project has played a massive part in that process."

800 helping out

Nearly 800 volunteers from the Lloyd's Community Programme volunteer to help local primary school pupils.

Number fun and games

YEAR 4 pupils at Globe Primary have new board games to help them polish up their maths skills.

The Bethnal Green school is part of the Number Partners scheme, which matches pupils with business volunteers who meet them weekly to play maths-related games or complete work sheets.

Globe Primary is supported by volunteers from the Lloyd's Community Programme (LCP), which enrolls people working in the Lloyd's insurance market.

The volunteers recently bought new games, including Magic Carpet and Times Square.

After a game of Times Square Nafisah Rahman, 9, said: "It's really fun. You have to times the two numbers on the spinners and then try and get all your counters in one line."

HOW WILL YOU IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY?

Don't miss the first meeting of your Local Community Ward Forum.

The dates of the first round of meetings are as follows:

(All meetings are scheduled to last two hours)

St Peter's

Kedleston Walk Community Centre, Kedleston Walk, London, E2 9RP
6.30-8.30pm, Monday, January 26

Bromley North

Kingsley Hall, Powis Road, E3 3HJ
6.30-8.30pm, Tuesday, January 27

Bromley South

The Lincoln Centre, 70 Fern Street, E3 3PR
6.30-8.30pm, Thursday, January 29

Bow East and Bow West

St Paul's Church, St Stephen's Road, E3 5JL
6.30-8.30pm, Monday, February 2

Poplar

Tower Hamlets College, George Green Building, 155 East India Dock Road, E14 6DA
6.30-8.30pm, Tuesday, February 3

Stepney Green

Tower Hamlets College, Arbour Square, London, E1 0PT
6.30-8.30pm, Wednesday, February 4

Spitalfields and Banglatown

Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London, E1 6LS (Ashbee Hall/ Lecture Hall)
6.30-8.30pm, Thursday, February 5

Weavers

Saint Hilda's East Community Centre, 18 Club Row, London, E2 7EY
6.30-8.30pm, Monday, February 9

St Katharine's and Wapping

Raines House, Raine Street (off Wapping Lane), E1W 9RG
6.30-8.30pm, Tuesday, February 10

Shadwell

Tarling East Community Centre, 63 Martha Street, London E1 2PA
6.30-8.30pm, Wednesday, February 11

Limehouse

Cruising Association, CA House, 1 Northey Street, Limehouse Basin, E14 8BT
6.30-8.30pm, Thursday, February 12

Blackwall and Cubitt Town

Island House Community Centre, Roserton Street
6.30-8.30pm, Wednesday, February 18

Island Gardens

George Green's School, 100 Manchester Road
6.30-8.30pm, Wednesday, February 18

For more information visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/localforums



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The Mayor's Community
CHAMPIONS
Tower Hamlets Volunteers

What's on offer?

During 2014, more than two million people used the borough's seven leisure centres.

WWW.GLL.ORG



Get Your Skates On!

Don't miss community fun day Get Your Skates On at Bethnal Green Gardens on February 18. There will be an ice-skating rink, athletics, basketball, football, art & crafts and health info stalls.

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK/SPORT

Feature

The council's sport & physical activity team is looking forward to a busy providing a variety of activities all year round to improve residents' health



There's a sport out

AS the days start to get longer and energy levels begin to rise, why not take a second look at the sports and leisure facilities on offer in Tower Hamlets to get you into peak condition?

The sport and physical activity (SPA) team works with local organisations such as community sports clubs, national governing bodies and statutory bodies to put together an extensive programme of events for all ages and abilities to enjoy throughout the year.

In 2014, the services provided or facilitated by the SPA team and its leisure operator, Better, attracted more than two million people.

This year the team hopes to attract even more people to the council's seven leisure centres.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "It is incredible that so many people took part in these sporting activities during 2014 and we



hope for an even better response to our programme this year."

Cllr Shafiqul Haque, cabinet member for culture, added: "There is a huge number of

sporting and physical activities of all disciplines for a wide range of ages, so we urge all residents to get involved. Events take place across the borough so it's a great chance to get fit for the new year."



(Above left and right) Last year's Sporting Carnival was held at Stepney Green Park and hosted a range of fun activities
(Left) Urban Wheeler Jam at Victoria Park attracted hundreds of residents



What's on in 2015?

THE team has an action-packed programme of activities and events lined up for 2015 for the whole family to take advantage of, kicking off with **Get Your Skates On** at Bethnal Green Gardens on February 18, from 10am-4pm.

Wrap up warm and show off your figure skating moves and new age curling on a synthetic ice-skating rink.

Other activities on offer will include tennis, athletics, basketball, football, storytelling, face painting, art and crafts, and a bouncy castle, as well as stalls on health promotion and weight management.

During the summer there will be a series of **sports and play festivals** taking place across six of the boroughs parks – Victoria Park, Mile End Play Park, Millwall Park, Stepney Green Park, Weavers Fields and King Edward Memorial Park.

If parents would prefer to keep children active on a regular basis or maybe just during the school holidays why not try the **weekly sessions or holiday activities** for young people.

Ranging from BMX riding, girls' football, athletics and tennis to multi-



Financial help for aspiring athletes

Need a helping hand with financing your training? Apply for a GLL Sport Foundation grant. Aspiring athletes have until February 20 to apply for up to £1,250.

WWW.GLLSPORTFOUNDATION.ORG

Free outdoor fitness

Fancy exercising in the great outdoors? Download the Our Parks app or visit the website at...

WWW.OURPARKS.ORG.UK

Feature

12 months to further develop the borough's sport and leisure facilities, and wellbeing. **Shalina Hussain** reports on their plans.

there for everyone...

sports for young people with disabilities, there's something for everyone.

The team also runs a programme of activities for adults. A fun twist on the traditional gym class, **Our Parks** is a series of free fitness sessions that aims to get people fit and healthy in some of the borough's most picturesque parks, including Victoria Park, Meath Gardens, King Edward Memorial Park, Bethnal Green Gardens, Stepney Green Park and Millwall Park.

The Our Parks initiative comes to the borough following a successful pilot programme supported by the leisure team in Waltham Forest. All classes are funded by the council to encourage residents to be more active.

During the winter several of the sessions take place inside at community venues, such as St Paul's Way Centre and Dron House Community Hall. Fun sessions include buggy fit,



abs, bums and tums, hula hooping and box fit. For more information visit www.ourparks.org.uk/borough/tower-hamlets, download the Our Parks app or visit a

session and talk to one of the qualified fitness instructors.

The sessions have been remarkably successful with more than 1,500 people taking part in five months in 2014. Why not give it a go and get your 2015 off to a healthy start?

As well as offering a range of activities to keep you fit and healthy, the SPA team is also busy improving sport and leisure facilities in the borough.

The first facility to open is the **Stepney Green 3G AGP pitch**, funded by a £451,000 grant from the Premier League and the Football Association, which is now open.

Further improvements for 2015/16 include resurfacing **St John Gardens tennis courts** and the installation of environmentally-friendly floodlights and artificial pitches at **John Orwell Sports Centre** and **Mile End Stadium**.

The changing pavilion at **Victoria Park** will also undergo refurbishment.

This is going to be an exciting year for sports and physical activity, so if you'd like to get involved by playing, volunteering, coaching or you want more information on what's on offer, then visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/sports or contact the SPA team on 7364 2433.



(Above left) The Young @ Heart annual games for over-50s took place at the Copper Box Arena

(Left) Stilt-walkers entertain kids at last year's Sporting Carnival at Stepney Green Park

(Right) More than 70 teams took part in the Mayor's Cup 2014



Keep it clean

You can report litter bin problems via text message or QR code.



Waste by numbers

90 tonnes of waste is swept off the streets of Tower Hamlets every week; the council spends £6.2 million a year cleaning the streets; there are more than 3,000 litter bins in Tower Hamlets.

News

Tower Hamlets has some of London's best markets. But who makes sure they are clean and ready for the next day's business? East End Life followed the council's clean-up operation at Whitechapel Market on a cold, damp night.

NO other place offers such an array of markets. Ten of them, including Brick Lane, Petticoat Lane and Columbia Road, are managed by the council.

With the high number of visitors and traders there is also the often-unseen operation to clean up after shoppers and traders have gone home.

This is done after hours by Veolia, the council's cleaning contractor.

The evening service, including the market area cleaning, clears away rubbish and dirt which has built up during the day across the borough.

Teams of cleaners generally leave the depot in Poplar at about 2pm after carrying out vehicle checks and collecting work orders for the shift.

The first task is for the mechanical sweepers to clear away the main routes in the borough and any other areas that have deteriorated throughout the day.

To supplement this work there are rapid response teams who attend any fly-tipping that has been reported, tour the borough looking for more and react to calls that come through.

John Gleeson, Veolia's environmental manager for the 'pm' shift, said: "I am always amazed by the number of small dumps we come across each day.

"People are so irresponsible just dumping rubbish anywhere and expecting the council to come along and clear it up. There are so many rubbish bins on the streets, it is just not necessary."

The markets clean-up starts at about 5pm, seven days a week, scheduled around the markets in operations each day.

Each is cleared of the rubbish left behind by the traders and swept clean.

The busiest market, and most frequented, is Whitechapel and this is always the final market to be cleared because of its late closing.

Clearance begins at 7pm, from Vallance Road to Cambridge Heath Road. The dustcart goes through first, clearing all



John Gleeson (right) with the market clearance team on the 'pm' shift

Out on the streets with the unseen clean team

boxes, bags and rotted fruit and vegetables, and emptying the large waste containers for the final time that day.

While this is in progress one mechanical sweeping team cleans the opposite side of the road – from Jamaica Street to New Road – of all litter that has been blown across from the market.

They then join another mechanical sweeping team to clear the market of all litter.

Each of the mechanical teams has two sweepers and these are joined by the rapid response teams and the evening market sweepers.

During the warmer months the area is jetted down with water, but this isn't done through the winter due to the risk of ice.

The final part of the operation is when all of the rubbish is swept to the kerbside for the machines to collect and suck up.

Mr Gleeson added: "It is quite an operation that is mounted each evening to clean up Whitechapel Market.

"I don't think people realise the number of vehicles and manpower involved as the work is done when most people have gone home for the evening."

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John Gleeson, Veolia



Eric Ntiedu and Darren Clark
(Below) Steve Marshall

"It's always a good feeling to see the finished results, leaving the market area spotless ready for another day's trading."

Cllr Shahed Ali, cabinet member for clean and green, said: "The council commits huge resources to keeping the borough clean and we are proud of the results we achieve every evening."

"Markets are a priority for us as they are a true East End tradition and, importantly, provide local employment and services to residents and tourists alike."

"Thank you to the cleaning crews for their continued hard work."





105 years in the making

"Muslims have been part of European society for a long time. The launch of the archive is testament to that, and we have worked together to share the mosque's rich 105-year history."

DR MUHAMMAD ABDUL BARI, MOSQUE TRUSTEE

Got a story to tell?

If you have a tale about East End history, write to John Rennie or email him at johnrennie@gmail.com

WWW.EASTLONDONHISTORY.COM

History

History of mosque unveiled

BY JOHN RENNIE

EARLIER this month guests gathered at East London Mosque to celebrate the launch of Britain's first ever Muslim archives.

MPs Sadiq Khan and Simon Hughes, chief executive of the National Archives Jeff James and Humayun Ansari, Professor of the History of Islam at Royal Holloway, University of London, were just a few among the many marking the conclusion of exhaustive work by archivist Ellis McCarthy over the last two years, cataloguing the mosque's entire collection.

Experts from the National Archives and Tower Hamlets Local History Library were on hand to help.

The mosque is at the centre of life for many people, a place of worship for 35,000 visitors each week, and accommodating up to 7,000 at any time within its monumental building in Whitechapel High Street, which rose in 1982 on land left vacant since World War II bombing.

So it's no surprise that it's one of the biggest mosques in Europe, serving Britain's largest Muslim community.

What's more surprising is that the mosque has a much longer history, dating back 115 years.

Odd to relate, it began its life with meetings in the Ritz Hotel. But even that is recent history in the story of Islam in London.

It's a tale that takes in Geoffrey Chaucer, Elizabeth I and the introduction of such disparate traditional London delights as coffee, chess, Turkish baths and shampoo.

One of the earliest references to Muslims in the East End comes in the prologue to Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, in 1386, though the English crown had already become friendly with a number of Islamic countries (at least after the Crusades).

Queen Elizabeth I asked the Ottoman Sultan Murad for naval assistance against the Spanish Armada. And a 1641 document refers to 'a sect of Mahomaten [being] discovered here in London'.

There was an obvious interest in Islam – in 1649, Alexander Ross made the first translation of the Quran into English. The previous century, John Nelson had become the first recorded Englishman to convert to the religion.

Endless references to 'Turks', 'Moors' and 'Blackamores' (as well as 'Mahomaten') reveal that Muslims were visiting and settling in London.

Trade, as ever, was the driver. Three of Queen Elizabeth's chartered companies (the Levant, Barbary and East India) sent her



Simon Hughes and Sadiq Khan with archive volunteers at the launch



The entrance to the mosque



Worshippers pictured in 1941

subjects to do business with Muslims, from Marrakesh to Agra.

And, of course, they returned the compliment. In 1611, Thomas Coryate wrote of the men walking the city's streets, marked out by the "rowle of fine linen upon their heads" (turbans in other words). In 1657, two Turks petitioned Oliver Cromwell for help in returning home.

And the arrivals popped up in literature – a Restoration play had a Turkish coffee shop keeper doing well in London, but struggling with a henpecking English wife.

Ah yes, coffee. Just as the English traders brought back tea from China, so the newcomers brought their own refreshments.

Coffee first appeared in London in 1650, when Pasqua Rosee opened the first coffee shop in Lombard Street, the drink having made the journey over centuries from Ethiopia, to Yemen, via Mecca and Turkey, then to Venice and finally to England.

And other innovations were being brought to the capital. Chess was developed in Persia, but by the late 1600s was being played in those coffee shops.

The gaiety of London life was enhanced by imports from Arabia including the tulip and carnation. Even our numbering

system is an Arabic one; appropriately then, the fountain pen came to us from Egypt.

Scientific discoveries were also flowing west (though not always being accepted at first). The windmill, inoculation, many familiar surgical instruments (little changed today), the process of distillation and even the crankshaft came to us from the Middle East. The Turkish bath speaks for itself, but shampoo also was brought to us by incoming Muslims.

The first mosque in Britain actually long predates our own, opening 300 years ago in Cardiff. The siting isn't so odd. Muslim communities would inevitably grow up in port towns, where sailors (taken on as crew in India or Pakistan perhaps) would leave their ships and settle.

And yet, like so many other incomers, they didn't have the rights of a Christian born in England.

The idea of Muslims becoming subjects of the Crown became so important for John Locke that in 1689, he urged: "Neither pagan nor Mahometan nor Jew ought to be excluded from the civil rights of the Commonwealth because of his religion."

Writers such as John Gregory, Henry Stubbe, John Fox and Edward Pococke



became deeply interested with Quranic theology and Islamic history.

The ructions of political history saw surges in immigration of course. Many came to London after the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869. The increase in trade caused a demand for men to work in ports and on ships. There are records of Sylheti men working in London restaurants as early as 1863.

By the early 20th century there were some 10,000 Muslims in Britain, but the turmoil following Indian partition saw many more arrive from the 1950s – the wages on offer in London proved a big draw too.

The construction of the Mangla Dam in the early 1960s, submerging 250 villages and displacing 100,000 people, drove many more to London. And the long-standing connections with the Northwest Frontier and Azad Kashmir (traditional recruiting grounds for the British Navy and Army) saw many more relocating here, as did the policy of 'Africanisation' of certain African regimes (most brutally in the case of Idi Amin's Uganda).

The days of mass immigration are long gone, but the relationship between London, Muslims and Islam is here to stay... and dates back hundreds of years.

A range of services

The council provides many services for residents and businesses. Go to the A-Z on the website at

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

Council information

Tower Hamlets forward planner

TOWER Hamlets Council produces a forward plan every month detailing the key decisions it will take, together with the details of

Meetings

Monday, January 26

12pm: Appointments sub-committee

For details call 7364 4207 or email elizabeth.dowuona@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Tuesday, January 27

7.30pm: Standards (advisory) committee

For details call 7364 4878 or email david.knight@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, January 28

5pm: King George's Field Charity Board

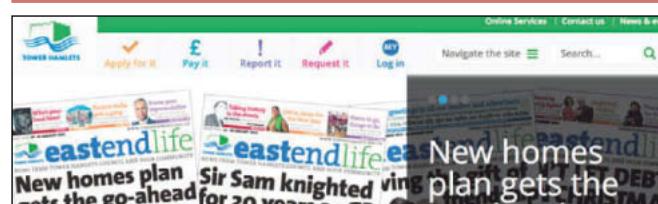
More details from David Knight (see above).

7.30pm: Human resources committee

Call 7364 4651 or email matthew.mannion@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Thursday, January 29

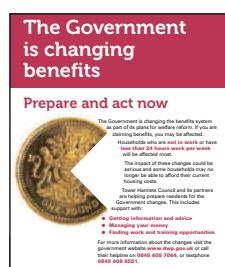
7.30pm: Strategic



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www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

For information on council services, including:



Get information on welfare reform

The council's benefits service can provide information about housing benefit, council tax benefit and entitlement to free school meals. It has compiled a list of helpful agencies at...

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the author, and consultation undertaken. It can be found in Idea Stores, libraries, One Stop Shops and council offices or at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/your-council/data/forward-plan/forward-plan.cfm

development committee
For details call 7364 4877 or email zoe.folley@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Tuesday, February 3
6.30pm: Licensing sub-committee
For details call 7364 4120 or email simmi.yesmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk
7.15pm: Overview & scrutiny committee
More details from David Knight (see left).

Wednesday, February 4
5.30pm: Cabinet
For information contact Matthew Mannion (see left).

Details are accurate at time of going to press. Agendas are available online a week before meetings, which are at the Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG, except cabinet.

Planning

E1

91 Stepney Way – demolition of vacant public house and construction of four-storey building to provide nine residential units.

E2

58 Hereford Street – addition of 3.6m-deep single-storey rear extension.

E3

Site at Bow Wharf adjoining Regents Canal & Old Ford Road – demolition of part of chalet building and construction of replacement southern elevation to match existing.

E14

Building C, Providence Tower, New Providence Wharf, Blackwall Way – application for non-material amendment to planning permission ref. PA/13/01953, dated 10.11.14. Amendments sought: amendment to condition no. 7 (landscaping) & 25 (drawings); deletion of condition no. 21 (vibration).

This is not a definitive list of all current planning applications.

For more details go to the council's website at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk and click on Planning & Building.

Drug treatment providers

Community Drug Team

Substitute prescribing, key working, health screening & referral to residential treatment.
71 Johnson Street, E1.

7790 1344
www.lifeline.org.uk

Nafas

Support with a focus on Bangladeshi community.
The Davenant Centre,
179-181 Whitechapel Road, E1
7377 0676.

Harbour Recovery Centre

In-patient detox for 18+ males.
Riverside House, 4th Floor,
20 Garford Street, E14.
7538 9421

Young People's Service

Treatment for under-19s
Unit 26, Skyline Village,
Limeharbour, E14.
3069 7878
www.lifeline.org.uk

Isis

For women aged over 18
c/o Hopetown Hostel,
60 Old Montague Street, E1.
7426 0399
www.compass-uk.org

Community Alcohol Team

Unit 22, Skyline Village
Limeharbour, E14.
0800 008 7200
www.rapt.org.uk

Somali Substance Misuse

Help, advice & referral for people with khat, alcohol or drug issues. Contact Idris Elmi.
Mind in Tower Hamlets & Newham, Open House
13 Whitethorn Street, E3.
7510 1081

Ten new recruits join work scheme

Disability programme extended after successful year

BY ANNA WILSON

A COUNCIL scheme that provides work experience for people with disabilities is being extended because it has been so successful.

Another ten people will benefit in February from the learning disability work placement programme, which has supported those taking part across a range of council departments. Participants also attain a level 1 NVQ in business administration.

Since 2013, the council has placed 32 people, five of whom have gained paid employment after their first year.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "The scheme has been extremely successful, with positive feedback from those who have taken part. We are thrilled to

continue offering this scheme to provide unique opportunities and lifelong skills."

Barry Duplock, who has learning disabilities, has been working at Toby Lane contract services department, helping with Meals on Wheels and school meals.

He said: "I was really excited to start work.

"I was a little nervous to start with but have really enjoyed my time so far and am learning lots."

Stephen Allen, who also has learning disabilities and has been working in the workforce development team, said: "I was really eager to start work with the council.

"Even though I was nervous at first, I've enjoyed the work and meeting my new colleagues, and look forward to the next 12 months."

Deputy Mayor and cabinet member for economic development, Cllr Oliur Rahman, said: "We will be extending placement opportunities with our partners across health and the voluntary sector.

"All employers are providing support to help recruits feel comfortable in a working environment where they can use their skills to gain paid employment in the future."

Continued support is provided by the council and the Tower Project – a voluntary group providing services to disability groups – to arrange placements and interview candidates.

If you are interested in offering a placement opportunity as part of the scheme, or require further information, email julie.bolton@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC - NEW GOULSTON STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, having consulted City of London, with the agreement of Transport for London, proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in New Goulston Street between its junction with Goulston Street and its junction with Middlesex Street.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will enable essential gas works to be carried out on the public highway by tRIO.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic will be via Middlesex Street, Gravel Lane, White Kennett Street, Stoney Lane, Houndsditch, St. Botolph Street and Whitechapel High Street.

The restriction on vehicular traf-

fic will operate from Thursday 19th February 2015 to Tuesday 10th March 2015 and at times when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to David Pryce, Network Coordinator, Network Manage-

ment Team, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email, david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 26th January 2015

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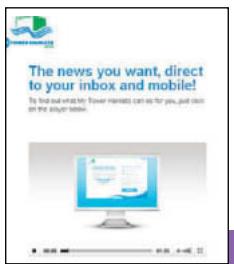
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Did you get it?

Last week's picture was of a memorial in Club Row, E2.

Council information

Town Hall

Town Hall, Mulberry Place,
5 Clove Crescent, E14 2BG.
7364 5000

Hotline numbers

Housing benefits – 7364 5001
Council tax – 7364 5002
Parking services – 7364 5003
Streetline – 7364 5004
Adult social care – 7364 5005
Children's services – 7364 5006
Pest and noise nuisance –
7364 5007
Employment & skills service
(Skillsmatch) – 7364 3727
Environmental health,
trading standards & licensing
– 7364 5008
Planning & development
– 7364 5009
Business rates – 7364 5010
Recruitment line – 7364 5011
Electoral services – 7364 0872
Tower Hamlets Homes – 7364
5015
Healthline – 7364 5016

General enquiries

Council enquiries – 7364 5020.

Useful housing numbers

Housing repairs – 0800 376 1637
Tenancy support – 7364 5544
Housing advice (E14) – 7364 7507
Housing advice (E1, E2 or E3)
– 7364 3558
Homeless service – 7364 7474
Choice-based lettings
– 7364 0244
Homeseekers – 0845 270 2400

Switchboard

If you know the name of the person or department, call the switchboard on 7364 5000.



Do you know where to find this unusual feature of the borough? Our popular oddities picture poser gives readers the chance to keep their eyes peeled to see if they can spot where our photographers took the pictures. If you have photos of your own you would like to see published in East End Life, email them to eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk or send them to Photo Poser, East End Life, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG. They need to be high resolution, at least 1MB and 300 dpi.

Report it!

To report an incident, use these 24-hour freephone numbers:

Non-emergency crimes – 101
Textphone – 18001 101

If a crime is in progress,
there is an emergency or if
anyone is in immediate
danger dial 999.

The council's domestic
violence team can provide
information, signposting and
referrals to local services.
Bengali speakers available

0800 279 5434 (office hours)

**24-hour domestic violence
national helpline**

0808 2000 247

**Haven Whitechapel (sexual
assault referral centre)**

7247 4787

**Karma Nirvana (Honour
Network Helpline)**

0800 5999 247

**Broken Rainbow
(LGBT domestic violence)**

0845 260 4460

**Black Women's Health
& Family Support**

8980 3503

Rights of Women

(legal advice)

7251 6577

Victim Support Line

0845 30 30 900

**Victim Support Tower
Hamlets**

8555 8254

**NSPCC Child Protection
Helpline**

0800 800 5000

Childline

0800 1111

Shelterline

0808 800 4444

Respect (for perpetrators)

0845 122 8609

**Reunite (advice about
child abduction)**

0116 2556 234

Men's Advice Helpline

0808 8010 327

Samaritans

08457 909090

**Tower Hamlets Mediation
Service offers confidential
and impartial advice with
neighbour conflict**

Free service for council tenants
and leaseholders. 7702 8305

Trading standards

Consumer Direct: 08454 040506

Walk-in services

One Stop Shops

Bethnal Green – 1 Rushmead,

off Bethnal Green Road, E2

Bow & North Poplar – John

Onslow House, 1 Ewart Place, E3

South Poplar – 15 Market

Square, Chriss Street, E14

Stepney & Wapping –

Idea Store Watney Market,
260 Commercial Road, E1.

**Open Mon-Fri, 9am, doors
close at 4.30pm. Sat, 9am,
doors close 12.30pm at
Rushmead and Idea Store
Watney Market only.**

Idea Stores

Bow – Gladstone Place, E3.

Canary Wharf – Churchill
Place, Canary Wharf, E14.

Chriss Street – Vesey Path, E14.

Whitechapel – 321 Whitechapel
Road, E1. 7364 4332

Watney Market –

Commercial E1. 7364 4332

All open: Mon to Thurs,
9am-9pm; Fri, 9am-6pm;

Sat, 9am-5pm. Sundays –

Bow and Chriss Street
open, 10am-4pm;

Whitechapel, 11am-5pm; and

Canary Wharf, 12-6pm.

Libraries

Bethnal Green – Cambridge
Heath Road, E2. 8980 3902

Cubitt Town – Strattondale
Street, E14. 7987 3152

All open: Mon, Tues, Weds
& Fri, 10am-6pm; Thurs,
10am-8pm; Sat, 9am-5pm.

**Local History Library and
Archives** – 277 Bancroft Road,
E1. Open Tues, 10am-5pm;
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7364 3179



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Nominate your community hero for an award – issue 1043

NATAJIIDUU ka soo baxday sahamin san-nadeedkii deganayaasha, ayaa muujinaysa Tower Hamlets in ay tahay gobol wacan oo lagu noolaado.

Tasina arrin sahan ma ah, maxaayaee lay dadka isku badhyan ee ku nooli waa wax gooni u ah, kuwaas oo isku xil qaama horumarinta beelahoo da iyo bulshada.

Guud ahaanba Tower Hamlets waxa ku nool, ka shaqeeyaa, wax barta dad si gaar ah isku xilqaama horumarkeeda iyo kor u qaadida tayada nolosha dadweynaha.

Haddaba, abaalmarin san-nadeedkii kawsulka ee rayidka ayaa fursad lagu siinayaa in



loogu mahad naqo halyey dahsoon dhidig iyo labood, garawshuuyana laga siiyo hawlaha ay u qabteen bulshada.

Haddaba waxaa la doonayaa magacaabistii shakhsiyadka mudan abaalmarintan, ee adeeg la taaban karo u qabtay bulshada, kuwa guulo soo hooyey

amma kuwa bulshada u qabtay adeeg dheeraad ah oo ka baxsan ta lagu lacag siiyo.

Kama reebana soo magacaabista da'yarta guulo soo hoysey, ee k a yar 25 jir, kuwaas oo u baahan in loo qoro wax-qababkooda.

Haddaad garanayso qof, amma urur, u qalma abaamarintan hawshay u qabteen bulshada daraadeed, xilligani waa markii aad soo magacaabi lahayd.

Leefletis ayaad ka heleys xafiisyada kawnsulka, Aydiya stoorada iyo laybareeriyyada amma haddii kale waxaad yeeli kartaa emai u diri kartaa speaker@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Xidhintaanka magacaabusty waa Jimcaha, Febrayo 6.

Midaynta benefitiska ee Tower Hamlets

Universal credit to be launched in Tower Hamlets – page 5

DAWLADDU waxay ku dhawaaqday in midaynta benefitiska, ka bilaanmaya Tower Hamlets iyo shan gobol oo kale, Marij 2.

Iyada oo la raacayo sahamo dhawr ah oo laga sameeyey waqooyiga dalka, waaxda shaqada iyo hawlgbuk, waxay doorbiday kawnslada Tower Hamlets, Barnet, Brent, Houn-

slow, Wandsworth iyo Hammersmith & Fulham in laga bilaabo habka cusub ee midaynta benefitiska, London.

Marka u horeysa midayntu waxay samayn ku yeelanaysaa dadka keli joogta ee aan shaqo hayn oo ku jiraan kuwan xaqa u leh in kirada laga buxiyo.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman, ayaa yidhi: "Midaynta benefitisku

wax weyn ayuu ka bedelayaa, siduu qofku u helayo deeqaha. Sidaa daraadeed waa muhiim in dadweynuhu foojignaadaan isbdelka uu ku keenayo dakhlu-ga qoyska."

Kawnsuku wuxuu haatan wada hadalo laleeyahay Job Centre Plus, kuwaas oo la xidhiddha isku duba ridka midaynta benefiska ee deegaanka.

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC - NORWAY PLACE E14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will, throughout the duration of works, and at times when the existing "no entry" traffic sign are covered, tem-

porarily suspend the "no entry" traffic sign from the private road or street into the length of carriage-way in Norway Place, south of Commercial Road.

This will enable diversion of vehicular traffic onto the public highway while essential works are carried out on the private road or street of Wharf Lane.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic will be via Commercial Road and Norway Place and vice versa.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from Monday 16th February 2015 to Sunday 21st June 2015 and at times when temporary

traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to Mick Jameson, Network Coordinator, Network Management Team, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 6671 or email, mick.jameson@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 26th January 2015

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টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে মার্চ থেকে চালু হবে ইউনিভার্সেল ক্রেডিট সিস্টেম

Universal credit to be launched in Tower Hamlets – page 5

বেনিফিট সিস্টেমে আনা পরিবর্তনের অংশ হিসেবে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস সহ লন্ডনের ৬টি বারায় আগামী ২ মার্চ থেকে ইউনিভার্সেল ক্রেডিট পদ্ধতি চালু করার ঘোষণা দিয়েছে সরকার।

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কেবিনেট মেঘার ফর রিসোর্সেস, কাউন্সিল

আলিবর চৌধুরী বলেন, বাসিন্দাদের সহায়তা ও পরামর্শ দেয়ার জন্য টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে অসংখ্য সেবামূলক সর্ভিস রয়েছে। সরকারের নতুন বেনিফিট সিস্টেম ইউনিভার্সেল ক্রেডিট সম্পর্কে তারা জনসাধারণকে যথাযথ পরামর্শ ও সহযোগিতা দিতে সক্ষম।

ইউনিভার্সেল ক্রেডিট চালুর জন্য স্থানীয় ব্যবস্থাপনা নিয়ে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল বর্তমানে জব সেটার প্লাস (জেসিপি) এর আলোচনা করছে। এই সিস্টেম পরিচালনা জন্য জেসিপি এবং স্থানীয় কর্তৃপক্ষ মিলে একটি যৌথ অংশিদারিতমূলক ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

বুকজ্বালা বা গলায় খাবার আটকে যাওয়ার ভাব হচ্ছে? আজই ডাক্তারের স্মরণাপন হন

Be Clear on Cancer campaign – page 7

তিনি সপ্তাহ বা তার বেশি দিনের অধিকাংশ সময় কী আপনার হার্টবার্ণ হচ্ছে? গুরুতর কিছু না হওয়ার সম্ভাবনা বেশি থাকলেও উপসর্গের দিকে একটুখানি নজর দেয়া হলে এবং ডাক্তারের কাছে গেলে অনেক ভালো ফল পাওয়া যেতে পারে। এ ব্যাপারে জনসচেতনতা সৃষ্টির লক্ষ্যে আগামী সপ্তাহ থেকে শুরু হচ্ছে প্রায় মাস ব্যপি বিশেষ প্রচারাভিযান। বিস্তারিত পড়ুন নিচে -



যদি অনুভব করেন যে গলায় তা আটকে যাচ্ছে, তাহলে ডাক্তারকে বলুন। এটা হয়তো গুরুতর কোন সমস্যার লক্ষণ নয়, তবে যদি এক্ষেত্রে কোন কিছু থেকে থাকে, তাহলে আগম তা সন্তুষ্ট করে চিকিৎসায় সারানো সম্ভব।

কাউন্সিলের হেলথ এন্ড ওয়েলবিয়ং বিষয়ক কেবিনেট মেঘার, কাউন্সিল আব্দুল আসাদ বলেন, "ক্যাসার রোগের লক্ষণ সমূহ সম্পর্কে আপনার ডাক্তার খুবই ভালোভাবেই অবগত আছেন। আপনাকে সাহায্য করার জন্য তারা সদা প্রস্তুত এবং অপেক্ষমান। আপনার এটা মনে করার কোন কারণ নাই যে, আপনি তাদের সময় নষ্ট করছেন।"

প্রাথমিক পর্যায়ে যদি সন্তুষ্ট করা যায়, তাহলে খাদ্যান্বালি ও পাকস্থলী ক্যাসার চিকিৎসায় সারিয়ে তোলা সম্ভব। যদি কারো এ ধরনের কোন উপসর্গ আছে, তা আপনার জন্য থাকে, তাহলে তাকে ডাক্তারের কাছে যাওয়ার জন্য অনু-রোধ করুন।

ক্যাসার সংক্রান্ত নানা তথ্য এবং নথি ইন্সটেলেন্সের কোথায় কী ধরনের ক্যাসার সংক্রান্ত সার্ভিস পাওয়া যায়, তা জানতে www.smallc.org.uk এই ওয়েবসাইট ভিজিট করতে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে।





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বারার সর্বত্রই বিশেষ লোকজন বসবাস কিংবা চাকুরি কিংবা অধ্যয়নরত রয়েছেন, যারা অন্যদের জীবন মান উন্নয়নে নিঃস্বার্থভাবে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। এই সকল আড়ালে থাকা তারকাদের ধন্যবাদ জানানো এবং তারা যে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে, তার স্বীকৃতি প্রদানের অসাধারণ উদ্যোগ হলো কাউন্সিলের বার্ষিক সিভিক এওয়ার্ড কার্যক্রম। বিস্তারিত পড়ুন নিচে -

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Faith and community leaders meet with mayor - page 3

মেয়র লুতফুর রহমান বলেছেন, প্যারিসে সন্ত্রাসী হামলা এবং এ কারনে স্ট্রীট পরিস্থিতি থেকে উত্তরণে মানবিক বোধের এক্য দরকার। ধর্ম বা বর্ণের ভিন্নতায় বিভক্ত না হয়ে এবং ঘৃণা না ছড়িয়ে সন্ত্রাসীকে সন্ত্রাসী হিসেবেই দেখা দরকার। তিনি তাঁর অফিসে সাস্ত্রিক পরিস্থিতিক সমানে রেখে আয়োজিত বিশ্বাসী একাউন্টেলোর নেতাদের এক সভায় এ কথা বলেন। মেয়র লুতফুর রহমানের আহ্বানে আয়োজিত সমাবেশ মুসলিম, খ্রিস্টান ও ইহুদীয় বিভিন্ন ধর্মের নেতৃত্বে এবং স্থানীয় শৈর্ষ পুলিশ কর্মকর্তারা যোগ দেন।

পুলিশের নয়া বারা কমান্ডার এন্ড্রে ইউয়িং যে কোনো চ্যালেঞ্জ মোকাবেলায় কমিউনিটি নেতৃত্বের সহযোগিতা কামনা করেন। ফেইথ কমিউনিটির নেতাদের সাথে এই বিশেষ সভায় যোগ দেয়াটা গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বলেও তিনি মন্তব্য করেন। যে কোনো পরিস্থিতিতে পুলিশ পাশে থাকবে বলেও তিনি আশাস দেন।

সভায় বকারা বলেন, পৃথিবীর সকল দেশ বা সমাজে কিছু উত্থাপন রয়েছে। কিন্তু শাস্তিকামী মানুষের সবসময় এর বিরোধিতা করেন। বহু সংস্কৃতির দেশ বৃটেনেও কোনো প্রকৃত ধর্মীয় নেতা



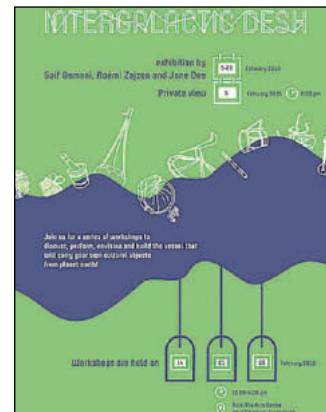
Community leaders reinforce the No Place for Hate pledge

ও কমিউনিটি নেতা উত্থাপন ও বর্ষবাদকে প্রশ্ন দিতে পারেনন। সভায় বক্তব্য রাখেন, ইন্টার ফোরাম চেয়ার ফোদার এলান হিন, কাউন্সিল অব

মক চেয়ার হাফেজ শামসুল হক, লন্ডন মুসলিম সেন্টার এর নির্বাহী পরিচালক দিল ওয়ার খান, ইহুদী কমিউনিটি নেতা লিওয়েন সিলভার, বিশিষ্ট

আলেম মুফতি আব্দুল মনতাকিম, হিন্দু কমিউনিটি নেতা রাম চন্দ্র সাহা, লন্ডন সিটিজেন ডিরেক্টর নেইল জেমসন সহ আরো অনেকে।

News in brief



পথগোর্ধনের জন্যে অনলাইন কমিউনিটি ফান ডে ইভেন্ট ২৯ জানুয়ারী

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল ২৯ জানুয়ারি সকাল ১০টা থেকে অপরাহ্ন ২২টা পর্যন্ত আইডিয়া স্টোরে এক কমিউনিটি ফান ডে ইভেন্ট এর আয়োজন করে।

অনলাইনে সময় কাটানোর জন্যে পথগোর্ধনের জন্যে এই ফান ডে ইভেন্টে থানসেট নামক সংস্থাটি সহযোগিতা দিচ্ছে। সংস্থাটি রাজনীতি থেকে হস্তিলে, গার্ডেনিং থেকে রিলেশনশীপ সকল বিষয়ে আলোকপাত করে থাকে।

উপরিলিখিত ফান ডে তে ওয়ার্কশপ, আলোচনা, প্রতিযোগিতা এবং হালকা খাবার-দাবারের ব্যবস্থা রয়েছে। এই অনুষ্ঠানে যোগ দিয়ে ওয়েবসাইটে সার্ফিং করা ছাড়াও অনেকের সাথে দেখা সাক্ষাৎ করার সুযোগ পাওয়া যাবে। কমিউনিটির লোকজন অনেক বিহু মিস করে থাকেন। এই অনুষ্ঠানে যোগ দিয়ে তারা অনেকে সার্ভিস সম্পর্কে জানতে পারবেন।

মেয়র লুতফুর রহমান এ ব্যাপারে মন্তব্য করতে গিয়ে বলেন, অনেকে প্রীত ব্যক্তি অনলাইন ব্যবহার করেন না। তাই তারা চলমান জীবন ব্যবস্থার অনেকে কিছু থেকে বৰ্ধিত হচ্ছে। থানসেট তাদের জন্যে অনলাইন ব্যবহার করে বন্ধু-বন্ধবদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করার সুযোগ করে দিয়েছে ও চলতি বিষয় সম্পর্কে অবগত রাখতে পারছে।

কালচার বিষয়ক কেবিনেট মেঘার, কাউন্সিলের শফিকুল হক বলেন, আমি আশা করি বাসিন্দারা থানসেট সম্পর্কে আরো জানার জন্যে এই অনুষ্ঠানে আসবেন, কিন্তু করেই নতুন এক জগতের সন্ধান পেতে পারেন তারা।

আরো তথ্য জানতে ০২০৭ ৩৬৪ ৮৩৩২ এই নথরে ফোন করুন অথবা www.graniset.com এই ওয়েবসাইট ডিজিট করুন।

রাস্তা থেকে বড় ছুরি উদ্বার করেছে পুলিশ

গত ৭ই জানুয়ারি লন্ডন ই২ এলাকার কেন্দ্রবাট স্ট্রীট থেকে পুলিশ একটি মার্শাল আর্ট এর বড় আকারের ছুরি উদ্বার করেছে।

পুলিশের সংবাদ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে জানানো হয়েছে, ওকল্যান্ড স্কুলের কাছে পার্ক করা একটি কারের নীচ থেকে এই ছুরি উদ্বার করা হয় এবং এর সাথে জড়িত থাকার অভিযোগে তিন তরণকে ফ্রেফতার করা হয়েছে। স্কটল্যান্ড ইয়ার্ড ছুরির উপর পাওয়া ফিল্ডের হিন্ট পরিষ্কা করে দেখছে বলে জানানো হয়েছে।

কমিউনিটি সেফটি বিভাগের বেবিনেট মেঘার, কাউন্সিল অহিংস আহমদ বলেন, “টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস পুলিশ এবং কাউন্সিল টাক্স কোর্স নাইক ত্রাইম বা ছুরি চাকু সংশ্লিষ্ট অপরাধ নির্মূলের জন্যে যে অভিযান শুরু করেছে, পূর্বে এরকম কোন উদ্যোগ ছিলনা। বিবাট আকারের ছুরি উদ্বারের ঘটনাটি উৎসাহজনক। দ্বিতীয় টাক্সফোর্স সাফল্য অর্জন করেছে।”

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস পার্টনারশীপের মুখ্যপ্রতি, পিসি হ্যাম্পত বলেছেন, আজ যে ধরনের অন্তে উদ্বার করা হয়েছে তা সমাজের জন্যে বিপদ্ধজনক। আমি আনন্দিত যে রাস্তা থেকে আমরা তা উদ্বার করতে পেরেছি।

ড্রাগ বা অন্যান্য অসামাজিক কার্যকলাপ সম্পর্কে রিপোর্ট করার জন্যে জনগনের প্রতি আহ্বান জানানো হয়েছে। ১০১ নথরে ফোন করে অভিযোগ জানানো যাবে এবং জুলুরী বিষয়ে ১৯৯১ এই নথরে ফোন করার জন্যে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে।

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Civic Awards nominations open – issue

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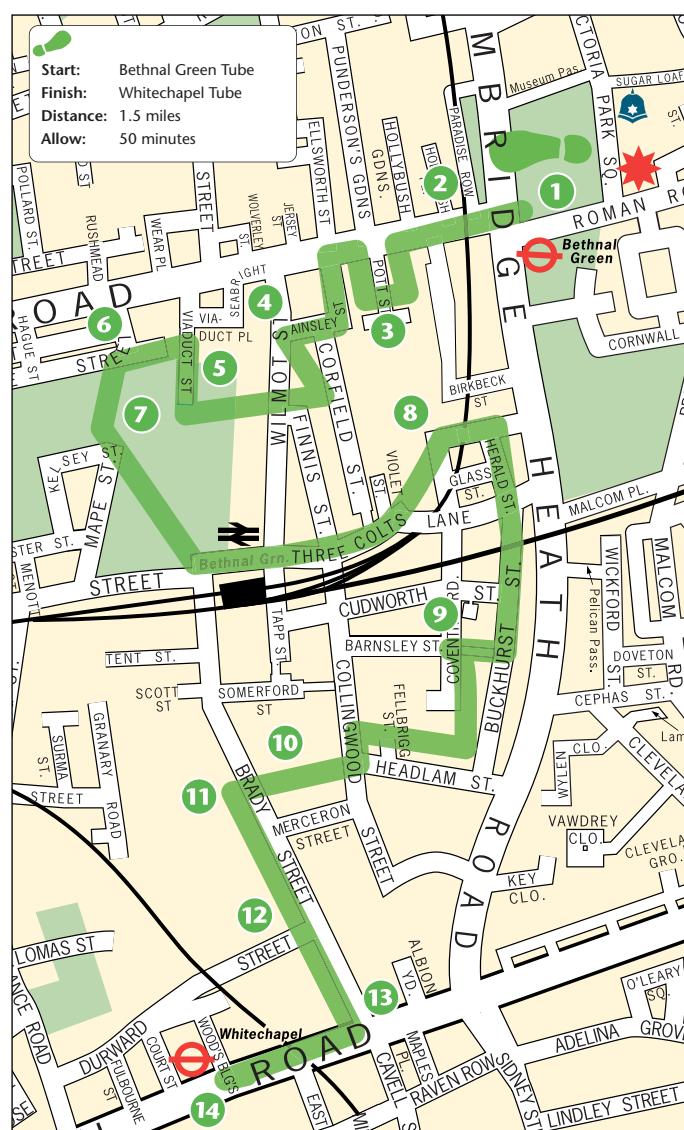
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On this month's walk, **Graham Barker** weaves through the back streets of Bethnal Green to Whitechapel. Photos by **Kois Miah**.

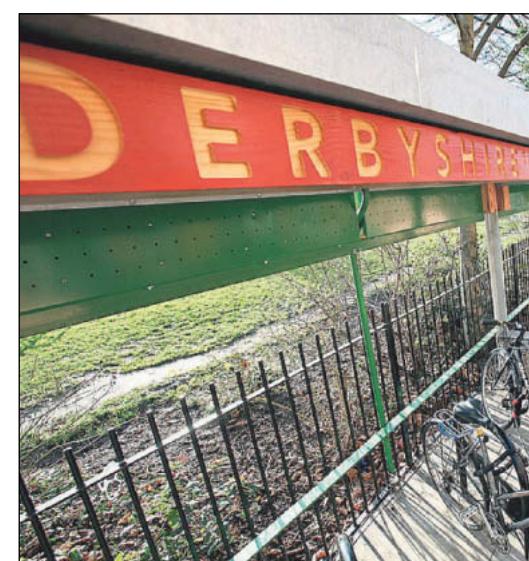
The ever evolving East End

Walk of the Month: The backstreets of Bethnal Green

AS you follow this walk, you'll see how buildings have been adapted to suit modern day needs: a church has been extended to become a refugee project, a park stands in the footprint of weavers' cottages, and a pharmaceutical factory has been transformed into a creative workspace – all examples of how the East End continues to evolve.



Paradise Row, where champion boxer Daniel Mendoza lived



The new pocket park in Derbyshire Street

Above Bethnal Green Tube station, St John's Church (1) stands centre-stage, designed in 1825 by Sir John Soane with an elegant tower, crowned with a golden weather vane.

Wedged opposite, Paradise Row reflects the work of speculative builders, building piecemeal from the late 18th century. No 3 was home to champion boxer Daniel Mendoza (2). In 1790 he defended his all-England title over a 72-round bout. He favoured scientific style – such as side-stepping, ducking and blocking – and wrote *The Art of Boxing* while living here.

In the 18th century Bethnal Green Road was flanked by market gardens, a link still echoed in the streets names: Gales, Hollybush and Punderson's Gardens.

The gardens were later taken over for ramshackle housing; Hector Gavin, in his 1846 book *Sanitary Ramblings*, noted: "the enormous number of dwellings which have been constructed in defiance of every law and principle on which the health and lives of occupants depend".

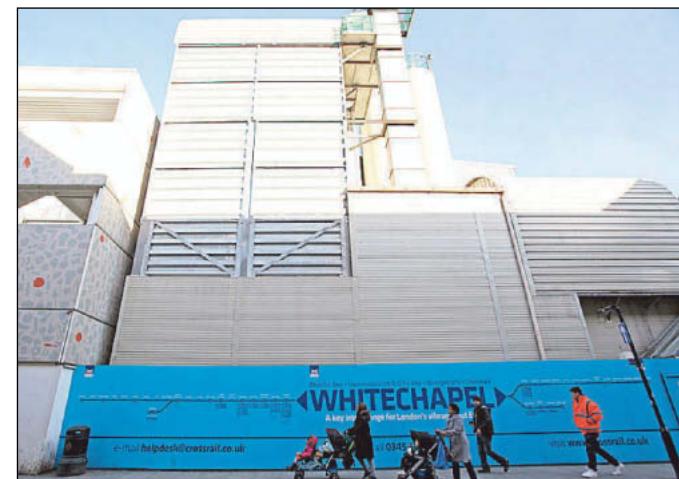
Glimpse down Pott Street to the ragstone Congregational Chapel (3), built in 1849 for Calvinistic Independents. Blitz damaged, it has since been adapted for Praxis, a project supporting vulnerable migrants and asylum seekers. An angel, painted by Penny Bearman and Lucy Somers, stretches out her hands in welcome.

Back on the main road there's a trio of notable buildings: La Forchetta occupies a late Victorian rag trade warehouse; the Shakespeare pub is clad in green faience tiles and Truman's signage; and Providence Row Housing Association's offices occupy the bow-fronted former police station.

From Ainsley Street you're soon amid an extensive development by the Improved Industrial Dwellings Company (4), one of several philanthropic housing organisations active in Bethnal Green in Victorian times. The five-storey blocks – built between 1868–80 along the length of Corfield and Wilmot Streets – provided self-contained accommodation for more than a thousand families.

On the corner with Finnis Street, a stone tablet commemorates Stewart Headlam, local curate and county councillor. Opposite, the wide alleyway brings you out into Weavers Fields.

Skirt around Weavers Adventure Playground (5) – with colourful boardwalks and climbing structures – where youngsters can try their hand at pizza cooking, mask making and other playful adventures.



(Main photo) a sculpture in Weavers Field; (Above l-r) Crossrail in Whitechapel; a ste

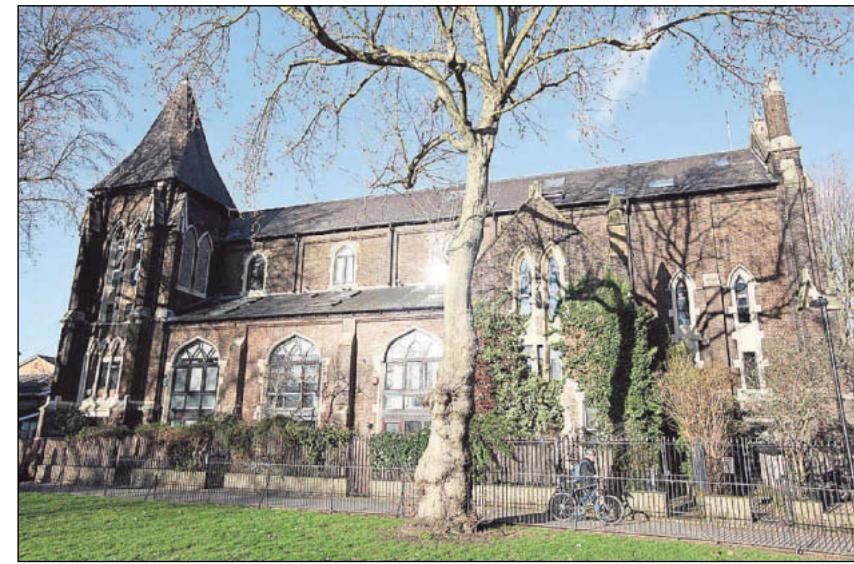
A new 'pocket park' created by Luke Grey-smith runs alongside Oxford House – designed with a bike shelter and eco-friendly features. University settlement Oxford House (6) was established in 1884 to foster recreational and educational clubs for the people of Bethnal Green. Arthur Blomfield designed it "to hold twenty residents... along with a lecture room, classrooms and club premises". These days, it's a community arts hub, gallery and base for third sector organisations.

Opposite, there's a striking piece of architecture – a galvanised steel-clad house on Voss Street with projecting fins, porthole windows and an irregular roofline.

On re-entering Weavers Fields (7), head to Peter Dunn's *Weaving Identities* sculpture; the sporting figures and lustrous ribbons allude to the transition of this space from silk weavers' cottages to urban park. Weavers Fields provides a burst of greenery, ringed by exercise apparatus and flanked by woodland, with City skyscrapers on the horizon.

Ahead, the railway viaduct arches are home to taxi repair garages, with black cabs patiently lined up awaiting attention. Follow Three Colts Lane past the Good Shepherd Mission and Waterlow Buildings, named after the IIDC chairman, Sir Sydney Waterlow.

A few steps on, you'll encounter three new developments. First is the green-tiled Peabody



The Pillbox was converted from the old Allen and Hanbury factory

St Bartholomew's Church, which has been re-modelled into housing



Bartholomew Green extends southwards, with a solitary obelisk being the only clue to its former role as a churchyard. Wander through towards the Collingwood Sure Start Children's Centre, offering music sessions, stay-and-play time, and baby massage.

As the green ends, the Eagle House archway takes you beside a lawn, before you emerge into Headlam Street. The Collingwood Estate (10) was a major municipal housing development started between the wars.

The 1920s blocks are neo-Georgian in style with open balcony walkways, red-brick detailing and grouped around central squares. The estate driveway beside Blackwood House takes you by a large playground, dotted with murals, and out into Brady Street.

Mocatta House (11) was built in 1905 by the Four Per Cent Industrial Dwellings Company – a philanthropic enterprise set up in 1885 by Lord Rothschild to provide “the industrial classes with commodious and healthy Dwellings at a minimum rent”, mainly focused on accommodating local Jewish families. City financier Frederick Mocatta gave his name to this block, where the entrance and railings have an art nouveau flavour.

Next door, a tall brick wall encloses the Jewish Cemetery, founded in 1795 by the Ashkenazi community. Rarely open, it's crowded with monuments, including several to members of the Rothschild family.

Swanlea School (12) stands out with its dramatic sweep of curved glass forming a central three-storey ‘street’ from which the classrooms, sports halls and library radiate. Opened in 1994, it now specialises in business and enterprise.

The Sainsbury's superstore and Crossrail excavations dominate the final section of Brady Street. Over the coming years, this area will be re-landscaped to create a piazza – Whitechapel Square – with cafés and restaurants, and 600 new homes.

Whitechapel Idea Store (13) – designed by architect David Adjaye – rises in blue and green glass on the corner. Inside, you can surf the net, browse the bookshelves or visit the top-floor café.

The Idea Store philosophy of ‘library, learning and information’ under one roof – first developed over a decade ago – has since become a model for libraries elsewhere.

Whitechapel Market (14) is a bustling parade of fruit and vegetable stalls, hardware stores and sari shops – a chance to snap up a bargain or two as you wend your way to Whitechapel station, the end of your walk.



Clad house on Voss Street

Trust houses created in the sliver of land beside the viaduct curve. Next comes the Pillbox (8), a Workspace conversion of Allen & Hanbury's pharmaceutical works, with its Italianate water tower; nip inside to see the imaginatively designed café, abuzz with creatives and entrepreneurs. And then along Herald Street you're flanked by new students' halls of residence.

From Buckhurst Street, beyond the railway arch, the spiky skyline marks out St Bartholomew's Church (9), built in 1843 as one of the ‘apostle churches’ commissioned by Bishop Blomfield to convert the ungodly of Bethnal Green – and since re-modelled into housing as Steeple Court.

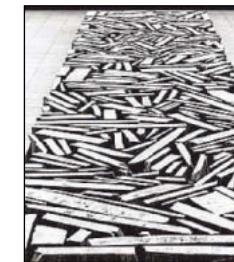


Peter Dunn's Weaving Identities sculpture sits alongside a CCTV camera

From the mundane to the surreal

Caragh Thuring conjures a sense of surrealism, arranging mundane elements into incongruous compositions. Her paintings transform recognisable objects into abstracted, bizarre forms.

SEE BELOW



Turner-down

Richard Long is reputed to have refused the Turner Prize in 1984.

SEE BELOW

Out & About

Swap 'n' swish

BROWNFIELD Community Centre in Poplar will host a swishing event on Saturday, January 31 from 1-4pm. Swishing encourages attendees to bring unwanted clothes from their wardrobe and swap them for something they prefer.

Poplar Swishing, which runs approximately every two months, allows people to bring up to ten items of clean clothing to exchange and also includes shoes and accessories.

Visitors will receive tokens based on the quality and quantity of their donations, which they can then spend on items contributed by others.

When you are done swapping and are in need of a coffee or a cupcake, refreshments will be available from Val's Baking and The Men's Cabin. Brownfield Centre is located on St Leonard's Road and the closest stations are All Saints and Langdon Park DLR. To book a free ticket visit www.poplarharca.co.uk

New drama on the Lane

TO coincide with this year's National Storytelling week, a new youth theatre will open at the Rag Factory on Brick Lane. Purple Moon Drama will officially open on Saturday, January 31 as a dedicated arts and culture centre for young people in Tower Hamlets.

The company will provide Saturday workshops training young people aged 14 to 21 in the dramatic arts, culminating in two shows at the end of May.

Artistic director Cheryl Walker said: "We are asking the community to support our local organisation by coming to see our productions. Any budding actors are encouraged to get in touch via the website as we have a number of bursary awards to give away which will enable some members to train for free."

For more information visit purplemoondrama.co.uk



THE first solo exhibition of British artist Caragh Thuring is into the final week of its run at Chisenhale Gallery, 64 Chisenhale Road. Closing on February 1, Thuring aims to examine how we consume the images we see and how slowly this process can unfold. The gallery will also host a special performance by poet Jamie Bradley of a text assembled by Thuring on Thursday, January 29 at 7pm. For more information visit chisenhale.org.uk

My girl lollipop

BY KEITH MAHON

A NEW collection featuring the work of some of the world's most prominent female street artists has opened at Lollipop Gallery.

Fem Graff offers a diverse selection of artists whose work can be seen across the streets of London and beyond. The Lollipop Gallery, specialising in contemporary and street art, provides the ideal space for this exhibition.

Ryan Holmes, gallery assistant at the Lollipop, said: "Some of it is a little bit of positive discrimination. We felt there were not enough female artists in galleries.

"But we tried to pick artists that we think in most ways are just artists but, in other ways, the fact that they are women informs their aesthetic.

"That is the primary driver behind this show. It is very much aesthetically driven, and not socially or politically driven. We wanted to ask the question: do these people paint in a slightly different way, and does the fact that they are women in some way inform their style?"

Lollipop Gallery also runs two free Street Art tours per day (excluding Mondays). Leav-



Wall art by Vinie

ing from the gallery at 1pm and 5pm and lasting about 90 minutes, the goal of these tours is to showcase some of the most poignant Street Art pieces in east London. Some of the artists seen on the tour will also be featured at the gallery.

Fem Graff runs until February 24 and is free to view.

Lollipop Gallery can be found at 58 Commercial Street, E1 and more information on the artists is available at www.lollipopgallery.com

News in brief

Home cinema

BFI Film Academy students, including Tower Hamlets residents, premiered five short films at Rich Mix, Bethnal Green on January 11. Each project was based around the central theme of home, and produced in collaboration with Eastside Education Trust. The short films can be viewed at www.eastside.org.uk

Fathom it out

THIS week is the last opportunity to see Fathom at Four Corners Gallery, 121 Roman Road, Bethnal Green. Produced by artists in residence who made use of unique film production facilities at Four Corners, the exhibition examines the developmental stage of ideas before they become artwork. Fathom closes on Saturday, January 31.

Cellist at St John

INTERNATIONAL cellist Jo Quail will be performing a concert for four cellos at St John on Bethnal Green Church next month.

She has devised a special arrangement of well known works, including pieces by Schein and Martok, for the performance on Saturday, February 7.

The concert will also feature the premiere of her new work This Path With Grace.

The concert starts at 6.45pm. Tickets cost £12 in advance/£15 on the door.

Richard is an icon

RICHARD Long has become the second artist to be awarded the Whitechapel Gallery Art Icon.

The award honours his lifetime achievements as an artist working in sculpture, photography and text.

Gallery director Iwona Blazwick said: "Richard Long revolutionised installation art, fusing together performance, landscape, language and photography. His 1971 exhibition at the Whitechapel Gallery was radical, filling the space with a huge cross made of pine needles. He is an icon because he is a pioneer."

The award will be presented at a gala dinner in March.

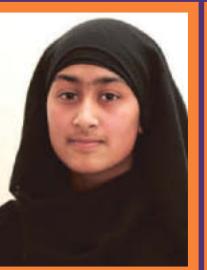
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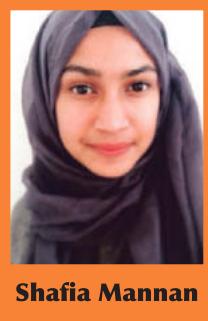
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Spring in our sights

News from Cable Street Community Gardens

HAPPY New Year everyone! The new growing season appears to have started already with snowdrops in flower, and primroses and cowslips in bloom in December.

We even had jasmine (not the winter flowering variety) in full bloom as we were dressing our Christmas tree.

As seasons merge, it is becoming increasingly difficult to predict just when it is safe to sow and plant outside. Maybe it is

better to keep to winter jobs in case another cold spell catches us unawares.

January is the perfect time to encourage an early crop of rhubarb by covering the crowns with a layer of straw and then an upturned bucket or clay pot which keeps the crown in the dark. That way, stems will be ready to harvest two or three weeks earlier than those left uncovered.

Now, too, is the perfect time to plant bare-root fruit canes such as blackberries and



raspberries. Before planting, soak the roots in a bucket of water overnight. Add some organic matter to the planting hole and place the plants about 3 feet (1 metre) apart. Firm in well and water.

Cane fruits need support. Stretch a few strands of wire between two posts and tie the canes to the wire as they grow. If short of space, you can create a wigwam of tall bamboo canes. Keep the plants well watered, especially in dry, sunny spells.

You can also plant bare-root fruit bushes such as blackcurrants, cranberries and bilberries. These can also be grown in pots. Make sure the pot is large enough, place a few broken crocks in the bottom for drainage and use a rich compost with well-rotted manure added.

Whatever you are doing, happy gardening and enjoy the lengthening days ahead.

getting agreement from others living nearby, the Urban Orchard Project organised the planting on Saturday, January 17 with Poplar Harca staff at the Linc Centre.

Eight residents have been trained as 'orchard leaders' to manage the trees, monitor their progress and eventually harvest the fruit.

Ana Mae Ramirez, area co-ordinator at housing organisation Poplar Harca, said: "It's great to see local residents taking the lead on projects like this.

"Everyone involved feels very proud to have created the first orchard in the area, which will be enjoyed for years to come."

Urban Orchard Project manager Amber Alferoff added: "The new orchard will provide fresh local fruit, bring beauty through the seasons and offer a place for people to meet."

The scheme was funded by Urban Orchard Project with support from Poplar Harca and local gardening clubs, who were each given a cherry tree as a thank you gift.

Fresh, fruity feast at urban orchard

BY STAFF REPORTER

A BOW estate could be in for its own fruit harvest after residents planted a new orchard with four different varieties of trees.

Seven bare root trees – apple, cherry, plum and pear – were planted on the Lincoln Estate where residents had spotted an under-used plot of grass next to Sleaford House.

They decided to transform it into a family-friendly space for the community and, after

Wrap up your pipes

AS temperatures fall, households are being urged to wrap up their water pipes to prevent them becoming frozen and possibly bursting.

The Consumer Council for Water recommends the following:

- Get your pipes and water tanks insulated – visit your local DIY store or shop online for a variety of products that can help.
- Wrap bends or hard-to-get-at pipes with strips of insulation.
- Find your stop tap – being able to turn the water off quickly could save a lot of damage.
- Insulate outside taps or turn them off at the stop tap and drain the water from them.
- If you go away for a few days, leave your heating on low and set it to come on at least once every day.
- If your pipes do get frozen, find the stop tap and turn it off. Make sure any nearby cold taps are turned on, to allow the water to escape when it thaws. Don't turn hot taps on until the central heating is switched off.

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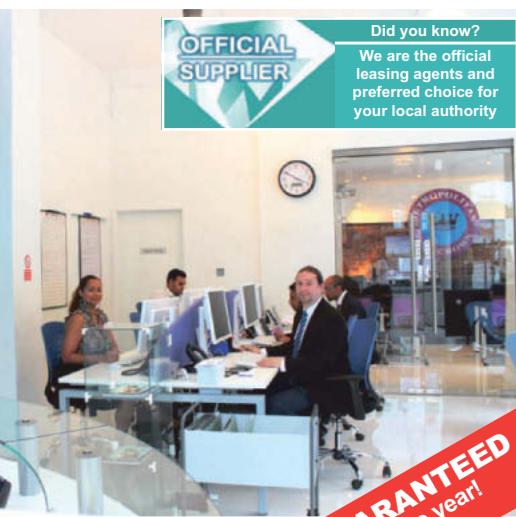
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 <p>1 BEDROOM Accessible Category F EVERARD HOUSE, BOYD STREET, E1</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden</p> <p>£106.15, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council</p> <p>Property Ref: 31402</p>	 <p>1 BEDROOM Accessible Category F WINTERTON HOUSE, DEANCROSS STREET, E1</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 8th floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Residents parking scheme • Pets not permitted</p> <p>£0.00, Rent to be advised Landlord: Tower Hamlets Community Housing</p> <p>Property Ref: 31482</p>	 <p>1 BEDROOM Accessible Category F WINTERTON HOUSE, DEANCROSS STREET, E1</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 14th floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Residents parking scheme • Pets not permitted</p> <p>£135.97, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Community Housing</p> <p>Property Ref: 31471</p>	 <p>1 BEDROOM Accessible Category G GRANARY ROAD, E1</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted</p> <p>£122.46, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Spitalfields HA</p> <p>Property Ref: 31481</p>
 <p>1 BEDROOM Accessible Category G STEVEDORE STREET, E1W</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted</p> <p>£126.56, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Spitalfields HA</p> <p>Property Ref: 31480</p>	 <p>1 BEDROOM Accessible Category F JOHN NETTLEFOLD HOUSE, BETHNAL GREEN ROAD, E2</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Residents parking scheme • Pets not permitted</p> <p>£127.55, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Community Housing</p> <p>Property Ref: 31463</p>	 <p>1 BEDROOM Accessible Category G MENOTTI STREET, E2</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Pets not permitted</p> <p>£111.28, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Southern Housing Group</p> <p>Property Ref: 31442</p>	 <p>1 BEDROOM Accessible Category F HACKWORTH POINT, RAINHILL WAY, E3</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 15th floor • Open plan kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets with landlords permission</p> <p>£144.21, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Swan Housing Association</p> <p>Property Ref: 31478</p>
 <p>1 BEDROOM Accessible Category F BRAMBLE HOUSE, DEVONS ROAD, E3</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 3rd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Permit parking • Pets with landlords permission • One week advance rent required</p> <p>£112.87, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Poplar HARCA</p> <p>Property Ref: 31477</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category G CABLE STREET, E1</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted</p> <p>£125.16, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Newlon HA</p> <p>Property Ref: 31448</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F BURLEY HOUSE, WALTER TERRACE, E1</p> <p>Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted</p> <p>£123.06, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council</p> <p>Property Ref: 31461</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category G PARFETT STREET, E1</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted</p> <p>£117.70, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Spitalfields HA</p> <p>Property Ref: 31479</p>
 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category E SHEAD COURT, JAMES VOLLER WAY, E1</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 4th floor • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.</p> <p>£162.54, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: One Housing Group</p> <p>Property Ref: 31451</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category G GRANTLEY STREET, E1</p> <p>House • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Permit parking • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years. One week advance rent required.</p> <p>£149.74, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Peabody</p> <p>Property Ref: 31475</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F GREEN DRAGON YARD, E1</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 3rd floor • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years. Existing social housing tenants will be issued an assured tenancy</p> <p>£157.40, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: One Housing Group</p> <p>Property Ref: 31474</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F SALTWELL STREET, E14</p> <p>House • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted</p> <p>£117.42, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council</p> <p>Property Ref: 31446</p>

 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F CARVEL HOUSE, MANCHESTER ROAD, E14</p> <p>Maisonette • 2 Bed 3 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets with landlords permission</p> <p>£128.81, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: EastendHomes</p> <p>Property Ref: 31470</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F GALLEON HOUSE, GLENGARNOCK AVENUE, E14</p> <p>Maisonette • 2 Bed 3 Person • 5th floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets with landlords permission</p> <p>£135.23, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: EastendHomes</p> <p>Property Ref: 31468</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category G DARTMOOR WALK, E14</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 2nd floor • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted</p> <p>£148.17, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Southern Housing Group</p> <p>Property Ref: 31445</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F PUTEAUX HOUSE, MACE STREET, E2</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 5th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted</p> <p>£121.68, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council</p> <p>Property Ref: 31465</p>
 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F PALMERS ROAD, E2</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 7th floor • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years. Existing social housing tenants will be issued an assured tenancy</p> <p>£156.87, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: One Housing Group</p> <p>Property Ref: 31473</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F HUTTON HOUSE, TURIN STREET, E2</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 3rd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted</p> <p>£121.72, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council</p> <p>Property Ref: 31458</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F SNELL HOUSE, TURIN STREET, E2</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted</p> <p>£121.60, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council</p> <p>Property Ref: 31460</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F CHARLES DICKENS HOUSE, MANSFORD STREET, E2</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 19th floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Electric storage heater • No garden • Pets not permitted Residents parking scheme Children must be aged 10 years or over</p> <p>£166.79, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Community Housing</p> <p>Property Ref: 31450</p>
 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F KEDLESTON WALK, E2</p> <p>Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Wet room (walk in shower) • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted no bath in property</p> <p>£129.74, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council</p> <p>Property Ref: 31443</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F SOUTHCOTT HOUSE, DEVONS ROAD, E3</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Permit parking • Pets with landlords permission . One week advance rent required</p> <p>£141.87, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Poplar HARCA</p> <p>Property Ref: 31472</p>	 <p>2 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F ALLOWAY ROAD, E3</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted</p> <p>Eligibility: Homeless Permanent</p> <p>£135.48, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council</p> <p>Property Ref: 31459</p>	 <p>3 BEDROOMS Accessible Category F HEREFORD STREET, E2</p> <p>Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted</p> <p>£139.45, Weekly - Social Rent Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council</p> <p>Property Ref: 31444</p>

AFFORDABLE RENT PROPERTIES

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You are advised to check the Homeseekers website at www.thhs.org.uk for further information.

 <p>AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category F BUTLEY COURT, FORD STREET, E3</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.</p> <p>Eligibility : Min Client Age 50</p>	 <p>AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category G HORSEFERRY ROAD, E14</p> <p>Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Pets not permitted • Life Time.</p>	 <p>AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D HOOVER TOWER, LANTERS WAY, E14</p> <p>Flat • 4 Bed 7 Person • 2nd floor • New build • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.</p> <p>Advert represents 2 properties £246.30, Weekly - Affordable Rent Landlord: One Housing Group</p>	 <p>AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D HOOVER TOWER, LANTERS WAY, E14</p> <p>Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 2nd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.</p>
 <p>AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category F OLD FORD HA</p> <p>£192.83, Weekly - Affordable Rent Landlord: OLD FORD HA</p> <p>Property Ref: 31469</p>	 <p>AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category G NEWLON HA</p> <p>£201.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent Landlord: Newlon HA</p> <p>Property Ref: 31476</p>	 <p>AFFORDABLE RENT Accessible Category D ONE HOUSING GROUP</p> <p>£237.05, Weekly - Affordable Rent Landlord: One Housing Group</p> <p>Property Ref: 31405</p>	

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AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category D
HOOVER TOWER, LANTERNS WAY, E14

Flat • 3 Bed 5 Person • 2nd floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

Advert represents 2 properties
£240.89, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 31454



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category D
HOOVER TOWER, LANTERNS WAY, E14

Flat • 3 Bed 5 Person • 5th floor • New build • Open plan kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£240.89, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 31456



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category F
TIBBATS ROAD, E3

Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 1st floor • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£202.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 31449



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category F
BUTLEY COURT, FORD STREET, E3

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Check garden on viewing • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

Eligibility : Min Client Age 50

£192.83, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 31467

Reminder

Please respect people's privacy by not attempting to access advertised properties or knocking at neighbouring homes. This causes a nuisance and may distress some individuals.



Local Housing Allowance Rates

April 2014

Type of Accommodation	Local Housing Allowance
* Shared Accommodation	£98.16 per week
1 Bedroom	£254.80 per week
2 Bedroom	£299.34 per week
3 Bedroom	£350.95 per week
4 Bedroom & above	£412.89 per week

*The shared accommodation rate will be used for single people under 35 years of age and single tenants/couples who only have exclusive use of one room and shares other facilities.



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

- THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS ('the Council') hereby gives notice that it has made an Order under section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ('the Act') entitled "The Stopping Up of Highways (London Borough of Tower Hamlets 31 Colts Lane London) Order 2014" authorising the stopping up of the following area of public highway which is shown hatched pink on the plan attached to the Order:
 - being the entrance to the land known as Greenheath Business Centre, 31 Three Colts Lane, London being land of an irregular shape and measuring a total length of 17.3 metres along the boundary with 29 Three Colts Lane, 4.0 metres along the boundary with the railway arches, 10.9 metres at its north-east end and having a width of 18.7 metres at its southern end
- THE ORDER IS MADE to enable the development described in the Schedule to this notice to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted under Part III of the Act to Peabody Trust of 45 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB by the Council on 11 October 2011 under reference PA/11/00829.
- A COPY OF THE ORDER AND THE RELEVANT PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED free of charge by way of appointment between 09:00 and 17:00 Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays and public holidays) at the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG by calling **020 7364 6926** and quoting reference 2012_s247_GreenheathBP_Sophia_Grant)
- Any person aggrieved by the Order and desiring to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Act or that any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within 6 weeks of 17 December 2014, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained herein.

Dated 26th January 2015

JERRY BELL
STRATEGIC APPLICATIONS TEAM LEADER

Schedule

The development to provide a building of seven storeys comprising 67 dwellings (26 x 1 bed, 22 x 2 bed and 19 x 3 bed) with associated landscaping cycle storage and car parking.



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990, SECTIONS 10, 67 AND 73

APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD IN THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A CONSERVATION AREA OR WOULD AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

85 - 87 New Road, London, E1 1HH PA/14/02938/AHU
Replacement of existing timber frame windows with uPVC windows.

Footpath outside 191 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1DN PA/14/03522/EBW

Advertisement consent following re-siting of In- Focus telephone kiosk (as part of Transport For London Supercycle Highway Upgrade Scheme) for a static single sided advertisement display, non-illuminated, (2500mm x 1100mm) set within the telephone kiosk structure. Advertisement is of same dimensions as existing telephone kiosk advertisement (the kiosk itself is being relocated due to re-aligned kerb edge at this location to facilitate the provision of the upgraded super cycle highway)

Flat 40, Tower Bridge Wharf, 86 St Katharines Way, London, E1W 1UR PA/14/3607/LYM

Creation of a new window opening on the rear elevation of the Tower Bridge Wharf (elevation facing the river Thames) at 7th floor level.

139-141 Roman Road, London, E2 0QN PA/14/3584/JTH

Erection of a part one part two storey rear extension, to create additional retail floorspace at ground floor and office floorspace at first floor level. Replacement of shopfronts.

Metropolitan Wharf, Wapping Wall, London PA/14/3623/SHA

- The reconfiguration of part of the internal layouts in Ground Floor areas in street side warehouse A and minor changes to warehouse D.
- The creation of a new entrance to the Riverside restaurant from Wapping Wall street side.
- The reconfiguration of the Lower Ground Floor to accommodate a new substation, residential and commercial bike stores as well as back of house uses for the extended Riverside Restaurant.

53 Burdett Road, London, E3 4TN PA/14/3630/KFL

Rear extension at ground floor level, part rear extension at first floor level and conversion of second floor level to provide 2 x 1 bed flat and 1 x studio flat. Alterations to existing ground floor retail unit.

144-146 Commercial Street, London PA/14/3602/SHA

Two additional storeys to create 2 x 1 bed residential units.
Construction of five storey rear extension to facilitate new stair case
Refurbishment of the front façade
Installation of a green roof
Internal reconfiguration consisting of:
Relocation of residential stair case
Conversion of existing 2 x 1 bed flats to 2 x 2 bed flats at first and second floor level

85A Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 7QX PA/14/3606/SHA
Construction of glass conservatory to cover rear yard

Site At 485-487 Commercial Road, London, E1 0HA PA/14/3634/LAB
Installation of steel portable container 3.0x6.0x2.25m clad with brick cladding panels.

184-186 Brick Lane, London PA/14/3611/LYM
Change of use of the basement and ground floor from Use Class B1 (office) to Class A2 (financial and professional services).

Nelson House, 3 Cold Harbour, London, E14 9NS PA/14/3659/SAE
Minor internal alterations and internal refurbishment works to the building including demolition of sections of internal walls at ground, first and second floor level.

7 Wentworth Street, London, E1 7TB PA/14/03651/AHU
Demolition of existing single-storey shop, and construction of a new 4-storey building with replacement shop unit at ground floor and 1 x 2-bedroom maisonette on upper floors.

5 Osborn Street, London, E1 6DT

PA/14/03296/SHA
Retrospective application for the retention of a fully glazed shop front.

57 Clinton Road, London, E3 4QY

PA/14/03539/MCH
Single storey side extension, first floor rear extension with balcony and roof light to existing basement.

459 Roman Road, London, E3 5LX

PA/14/3669/GMA
Development to provide for one bedroom maisonette at ground and basement level.

152 -154 Bethnal Green Road, London E2 6DG

PA/14/02088/KHA
Installation of air conditioning units to the rear of the property, on the east side (formerly unit 154), at ground floor level.

459 Roman Road, London, E3 5LX

PA/14/3667/GMA
Construction of mews house to the rear of existing shop/residential building.

Footway outside 191 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1DN

PA/14/3258/EBW
Prior approval (under schedule 2 of Part 24 of the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995 for telecommunication equipment) for the siting and appearance of an "In-Focus" telephone kiosk. The telephone kiosk is being relocated closer to the back of the pavement to fit with the re-aligned kerb edge resulting from the Transport for London Supercycle Highway Upgrade. (The proposed kiosk is also subject of separate advertisement consent).

15 & 16 Durant Street, London E2 7BP

PA/14/03319/SHA
Application for variation of conditions para 1(2) of appeal decision dated 16/06/2014 application no. APP/E5900/A/14/2214803. of planning permission PA/13/02794 1 for Joint application for proposed works at No. 15 & No. 16 Durant Street. Works at No. 15: construction of rear single storey side infill extension and rear first floor outshot extension Works at No. 16: rear single storey extension and rear two storey outshot extension

Amendment sought to no.16 consisting of:

- Change the ground floor fenestration from two bi-fold windows to a single sliding window
- Reduction in number of conservation roof lights in the rear outshot
- 2 roof lights instead of approved 3
- Addition of conservation roof light over the existing stairwell
- Replace existing infill roof with single frameless rooflight
- Lower the existing floor level of the kitchen, carrying this new level through into the new ground floor extension area.

Site North Of Sanctuary Court, Reardon Path, London

PA/14/3592/KHA
Demolition of existing building and structures on the site and development of a basement, ground plus six storey building providing 26 residential units (Use Class C3), landscaping, use of existing vehicular access from Wapping High Street and other ancillary works across the site.

The following are householder applications and in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about these applications will be sent to the secretary of state, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

22 Quilter Street, London, E2 7BT

PA/14/3590/SHA
Single storey side return extension to the rear and alterations to the existing rear ground floor window

58 Hereford Street, London, E2 6EX

PA/14/3494/LYM
Erect a 3.6m deep single storey rear extension.

13 St Katharines Way, London E1W 1LP

PA/14/03398/SHA
Installation of an external condenser unit and acoustic enclosure, to the 2nd floor fire escape. Located to the rear of the existing parapet wall.

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated: 26th January 2015

OWEN WHALLEY

Head of Planning and Building Control



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

MAJOR APPLICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 13(4) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010 AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

31-33 Prescot Street, London, E1 8BB PA/14/3553/KHM

Redevelopment of the site to create a mixed-use development comprising the erection of a part 6 and part 10 storey building providing 32 serviced apartments (Use Class C1) on the upper levels, 503 sqm of office floorspace (Use Class B1) on lower ground and ground floor levels and 62 sqm of flexible retail/financial services/restaurant/cafe/drinking establishment floorspace (Use Class A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5).

Site North Of Sanctuary Court, Reardon Path, London PA/14/3592/KHA

Demolition of existing building and structures on the site and development of a basement, ground plus six storey building providing 26 residential units (Use Class C3), landscaping, use of existing vehicular access from Wapping High Street and other ancillary works across the site.

Glengall Quay Site At 49-59 Millharbour, 2-4 Muirfield Crescent And 16, 21 & 23-39 Pepper Street, London, E14 PA/14/3585/TIR

Demolition of the existing buildings and structures and redevelopment of the site to provide a residential-led mixed use development comprising one building of up to 45 storeys and two buildings of up to 15 storeys each. Provision of up to 484 residential (Class C3) units in total together with retail (Class A1-A4) space, community / other non residential institution (Class D1) space, open space, amenity space, landscaping, access, servicing, car parking, cycle parking, plant, storage, ancillary residential facilities and associated works.

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment.

Aberfeldy Estate, Abbott Road, London, E14 PA/15/00002/GGW

Minor Material amendment through variation of conditions No 3 (Approved Parameters Plans), 4 (Phasing Plan), 5 (Total Floor Space Areas) and 6 (Phase-by-phase Floor Space Areas), of Outline Planning Permission granted 20th June 2012 (Ref: PA/11/02716) "For the mixed-use redevelopment of the existing Aberfeldy estate comprising:

- Demolition of 297 existing residential units and 1,990 sq m of non-residential floorspace, including shops (use class A1), professional services (use class A2), food and drink (use class A3 and A5), residential institution (use class C2), storage (use class B8), community, education and cultural (use class D1); and
- Creation of 1,176 residential units (Use Class C3) in 15 new blocks between 2 and 10 storeys in height plus 1,743sqm retail space (Use Class A1), professional services (Use Class A2), food and drink (Use Classes A3 and A5) and 1,786 community and cultural uses (Use Class D1) together with a temporary marketing suite (407sqm), energy centre, new and improved public open space and public realm, semi-basement, ground and on-street vehicular and cycle parking and temporary works or structures and associated utilities/services."

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated 26th January 2015

**OWEN WHALLEY
HEAD OF PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL**



LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT:

Glengall Quay Site At 49-59 Millharbour, 2-4 Muirfield Crescent And 16, 21 & 23-39 Pepper Street, London, E14 PA/14/03585

Notice is given that on behalf of Glengall Bridge Holdings Limited are applying to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for:

Demolition of the existing buildings and structures and redevelopment of the site to provide a residential-led mixed use development comprising one building of up to 45 storeys and two buildings of up to 15 storeys each. Provision of up to 484 residential (Class C3) units in total together with retail (Class A1-A4) space, community/other non residential institution (Class D1) space, open space, amenity space, landscaping, access, servicing, car parking, cycle parking, plant, storage, ancillary residential facilities and associated works.

This MAJOR application includes the submission of an Environmental Statement under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011

Copies of the application, plans, environmental statement and all other documents may be inspected between the hours of 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Office, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from GVA, 10 Stratton Street, London W1J 8JR, 08449020304 so long as stocks last. (Price on application)

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to this application should do so in writing, within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Head of Planning at the Planning Office address above.

Dated: 26th January 2015

OWEN WHALLEY

HEAD OF PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL



Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 23

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WARNER PLACE, E2

The Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets is considering a proposal to construct a zebra crossing in Warner Place, at a point 4 metres north of the northern kerb line of St Peter's Close.

A plan showing the layout of the proposed zebra crossing and associated zigzag carriageway markings can be inspected by appointment, during normal office hours from Monday to Friday inclusive, until the expiration of a period of 14 days from the date of this notice, at the offices of Communities, Localities and Culture, Public Realm, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG.

Any representations regarding the proposed crossing should be sent

to the address below by Monday 23rd February 2015.

Dated: 26th January 2015

**JAMIE BLAKE
SERVICE HEAD
PUBLIC REALM**

Improvement Works Group
Transport and Highways
Mulberry Place
5 Clove Crescent
London E14 2BG

PUBLIC NOTICE

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT Mr Shahab Uddin has applied to London Borough of Tower Hamlets Licensing Authority to vary a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises: Spice Hut, 220 Mile End

Road, London E1 4LJ

The proposed variation is: Variation to extend existing late Night Refreshment Licence (10322). From service time:- 23:00 hrs to 02:00 Monday to Sunday.

Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this application must give notice in writing to: The Licensing Section, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG Website: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk Tel: 020 7364 5008

Representations must be received no later than 12/02/2015

The Application Record and Register may be viewed between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday during normal office hours at the above address.

It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is up to level 5 on the standard scale (£5000)

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

The Tower Hamlets (Personalised Disable Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2010 (Amendment No.1)

Order 2015 No.02

The Tower Hamlets (Waiting and Loading Restrictions) (No 1) Order 2012 (Amendment No.1)

Order 2015 No.03

The Tower Hamlets (Loading Bays) (No.1) Order 2011(Amendment No.1) Order 2015 No.04

**The Tower Hamlets (Victoria Park Car Park and St. Marks Gate Car Park
(Off Street Parking Places) (no.1) order 2015 no.05**

The Tower Hamlets (Motorcycle Bays) (No.1) Order 2015 No.06

The Tower Hamlets (C4 Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2011(Amendment No.1) Order 2015 No.07

The Tower Hamlets (A3 Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2011(Amendment No.1) Order 2015 No.08

The Tower Hamlets (A4 Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2011(Amendment No.1) Order 2015 No.09

The Tower Hamlets (A6 Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2011(Amendment No.1) Order 2015 No.10

The Tower Hamlets (A2 Parking Places) (No.1) Order 2011(Amendment No.1) Order 2015 No.11

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on 26th January 2015 made the above-mentioned Orders under the relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1985 and the Traffic Management Act 2004.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to in:

a) **Stepney Way -**

- i. To convert the existing Single Yellow Lines on the north side between its junction with Jubilee and Sidney Street to Double Yellow Lines
- ii. To introduce No Loading 'At Any Time' Restrictions from its junction with Sidney Street:
 - a) north side - eastwards for approx. 15m and also
 - b) south side - eastwards for approx. 10m
- iii. To introduce a 10m loading bay on existing Yellow Lines on the south side (outside No.116 -114)

b) **Cavell Street -**

- i. To convert the existing Single Yellow Line on the east side, from its junction with Stepney Way, southwards to the junction with Newark Street to Double Yellow Lines
- ii. To introduce No Loading 'At Any Time' Restrictions from its junction with Stepney Way:
 - a) west side - southwards for approx. 10m and also
 - b) east side - southwards for approx. 10m

c) **At various locations across the Borough -** To re-enact without any change in substance the provisions of Schedule 4 of the Tower Hamlets (Waiting and Loading Restriction) Order 2012, as amended; consolidate all existing motorcycle bays under The Tower Hamlets (Motorcycle Bays) (No.1) Order 2015 in the following Streets: Addington Grove, Albert Gardens, Alie Street, Back Church Street, Bancroft Road, Bessy Street, Beaumont Square, Brick Lane, Cambridge Heath Road, Clinton Road, Coate Street, Columbia Road, Copperfield Road, Davenant Street, Derbyshire Street, Driffield Road, East Arbour Street, Eric Street, Ezra Street, Fairfield Road, Flamborough Street, Fordham Street, Gawber Street, Green Bank, Greenfield Street, Grimsby Street, Hamlets Way, Hooper Street, Jamaica Street, Jubilee Street, Leman Street, Millharbour, Monza Street, Naval Row, Norbiton Road, Old Bethnal Green Road, Old Castle Street, Old Nichol Street, Pennington Street, Philpott Street, Poplar High Street, Ravenscroft Street, St. Stephens' Road, St Katharines Way, Selby Street, Sidney Street, Spital Square, Sutton Street, Swanfield Street, Salmon Lane, Tapp Street, Tenter Ground, Tredegar Road, Three Colt Street, Vaughan Way, Vyner Street, Wentworth Street, Whitethorn Street and Wapping High Street;

d) **Buckhurst Street -**

- i. Upgrade the existing Single Yellow Lines to Double Yellow Line.
- ii. Revoke the single Permit Space nearest Three Colts Lane and replace with Double Yellow Line.

e) **Three Colts Lane** (south side nearest Cambridge Heath Road) - to substitute the Pay & Display Bay with a Goods Loading Bay to operate Monday to Sunday 8.30am to 8pm.

f) **Cudworth Street** (outside Phoenix Court) - To introduce on existing Single Yellow Line a 2 space Multibay (Permit and Pay & Display – Cashless).

g) **Spital Street** (west side, outside no. 15-17) -

- i. Shift the existing Multibay northwards by 1.5m
- ii. Introduce on existing Single Yellow Line a 3 space Multibay (Permit and Pay & Display).

h) **Hanbury Street** (outside no. 68-80) - To introduce on existing Double Yellow Line a 3 space Multibay (Permit and Pay & Display – cashless).

i) **Heneage Street -**

- i. (outside no.37) – To introduce on existing Double Yellow Line a 3 space Resident Bay.
- ii. To introduce No Loading 'At Any Time' Restrictions outside no. 5 A/B and at its junction with Spelman Street.

(j) **West Ferry Road** (outside no.122-126) - To upgrade the Single Yellow Line to Double Yellow Line with No Loading 'At Any Time' Restrictions.

(k) **Stayners Road -**

l) Upgrade the Single Yellow Lines to Double Yellow Line.

- i. To introduce No Loading 'At Any Time' Restrictions on the east side from Mile End Road for approx. 30m.
- ii. (Opposite no. 1-31) – To introduce on Single Yellow Line a 4 space Multibay (Permit and Pay & Display – Cashless).

m) **Tyne Street** - (From its junction with Pommel Way) To introduce No Loading 'At Any Time' Restrictions on both east and west sides for approx. 42m

n) **Cable Street -**

- i. To introduce a Resident Bay (approx. 6m) on the existing Single Yellow Lines between No 224 - 228 (the south side).
- ii. To convert the existing Single Yellow Lines on the south side between its junction with Dellow Street and Cannon Street Road to Double Yellow Lines
- iii. To extend the existing Resident Bay outside No.222 by approx. 3m eastwards

o) to introduce an off-street parking place under local authority enforcement thereby introducing charges and conditions to the use of the car parks located on,

- i. **Victoria Park Car Park** - on Grove Road junction with Old Ford Road,
- ii. **St. Marks Gate Car Park** - on Wick Lane junction with Jodrell Road.

Provided that between 8.30am and 5.30pm Mondays to Sundays and that vehicles will be required to Pay by Phone (cash less) parking, the charges at each of the Car Parks would be as follows:-

	Monday to Sunday 1 hour	Monday to Friday 4 hours	Monday to Friday All day	Saturday to Sunday 4 hours	Saturday to Sunday All day
Victoria Park Car Park	£2.00	£5.00	£7.00	£3.00	£5.00
St. Marks Gate	£2.00	£5.00	£7.00	£3.00	£5.00

iii. The Parking places will be open between 8:30am and 5:30pm Mondays to Sundays for use only by motor cycles, motor cars, invalid carriages and goods vehicles.

iv. Provide that vehicles displaying a Disable Person's Badge issued by any local authority will only be exempt from the above hourly charge if such vehicles are left in the marked out disabled bays (maximum stay 2 hours no return within 2 hours) from which all other vehicles will be prohibited.

3. The Regulations, fees and usual exemptions imposed by the governing Traffic Management Orders would apply to the proposals referred to in paragraph 2 above.

4. A copy of each of the proposed Orders and all relevant documents can be inspected, by prior appointment, at the offices of the at the Parking Services Offices, 585-593 Commercial Road, London E10HJ (0207-364 6952), during normal office hours on Monday to Friday inclusive until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this notice is published.

5. Any person desiring to comment on or object to any of the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing or e-mail: parking.development@towerhamlets.gov.uk of their objection and the grounds thereof, to the above address within the aforementioned period of 21 days.

Dated: 26th January 2015

JAMIE BLAKE,
SERVICE HEAD, PUBLIC REALM



Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Thames Water.

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC - FOURNIER STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in Fournier Street between its junction with Fieldgate Street and its junction with Fordham Street will be temporarily suspended.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from Tuesday 3rd February 2015 to Thursday 5th February 2015 and at times when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to Mick Jameson, Network Coordinator, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 6717 or email, mick.jame.son@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 26th January 2015

JAMIE BLAKE
SERVICE HEAD
PUBLIC REALM
MULBERRY PLACE
5 CLOVE CRESCENT
LONDON E14 2BG

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT The Generation of Z Ltd has applied to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Licensing Authority for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises: The basement space of 69-89 Mile End Road, E1 4TT.

The licensable activities and timings are: Provision of regulated entertainment (plays)

Tuesday 1900 – 2200

Wednesday 1900 – 2315

Thursday 1900 – 2315

Friday 1900 – 2315

Saturday 1700 – 2315

Sunday 1600 – 2115

Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this application must give notice in writing to: The Licensing Section, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG. Website: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk Tel: 020 7364 5008

Representations must be received no later than 18/02/15

The Application Record and Register may be viewed between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday during normal office hours at the above address.

It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is up to level 5 on the standard scale (£5000)

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC - PARFETT STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, made an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in Parfett for a distance of approximately 30 metres, south, from its junction with Fieldgate Street.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will enable essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Cappagh Browne on behalf of



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Sport

Boxing

Davies retires

RICHIE Davies, the one-time Arbour Youth amateur boxer who became one of our top professional referees and judges, has retired.

Davies, a former Tower Hamlets Council pest controller, is quitting after 31 years.

After 21 fights as an amateur, Davies became a judge at the age of 17 and went on to enjoy a distinguished career in the professional ranks where he officiated at several British, Commonwealth, European and World title fights.

The man in the middle said: "I have enjoyed a life that I could only dream about when I was boxing. The boxers I have met have enriched my life and I leave with wonderful memories."

Title chance

KEVIN Mitchell faces Daniel Estrada for the WBC Silver Lightweight title at The O2 on Saturday knowing this could be his last shot at the big time.

Mitchell returns to action for the first time since his thrilling stoppage of Ghislain Maduma at Wembley Stadium last May.

Basketball

Lions rocked

LONDON Lions Basketball team thought they were going to return from a trip to Scotland with a draw but ended up losing by a point to Glasgow Rocks.

The two teams were level and there were just four seconds left on the clock when Kieron Achara came up with some last-gasp heroics to lift Rocks to an 89-86 success.

The Great Britain international hit the headlines earlier in the season when his three-point shot at the buzzer sent Rocks through to the semi-final of the League Cup.

He repeated this again, connecting from long range after being found by player-coach Sterling Davis.

It halted a run of three straight losses for the Scottish club and helped them recover from the disappointment of defeat in the BBL Cup Final.

Hat-tricks light up league

BY PETER FAULKNER

THE East London Sunday Football League served up an amazing four hat-trick performances in the league and the cup.

The three-goal bursts came from Marlon Campbell (Hatch Lane), John Gilroy (FC Stepney), Jamie Tran (Mabley) and Ryan Sammut (Castrillon).

Campbell's treble came in Hatch Lane's 6-1 thrashing of Hackney Downs in the **Joshila Sports Premier Division**

and he was supported by goals from Kazim Bishop, Sanjay Thompson and Kevin Bomjenga.

In **Division One** Gilroy bagged his three as FC Stepney beat Nightingale 5-1. Martin Jones and Johnny Ashman were the other scorers while Stephen Brown got the only goal for Nightingale.

Athletico Bow took a step closer to the title as they beat Vallance 2-0, Tyrone Davidson and Luke Barter were the goal-scorers. Cranes drew 3-3 with Young Prince, Alfie Andrews, 2, and John Cutts securing the draw for Prince.

In **Division Two** Tran's hat-trick set up Mabley's 5-0 win over Wimbledon Park – Andry Accouche and Chris Boakye got the other two. Haringey Town beat Pedro 2-0.

In the last remaining **Jubilee Cup** game Sammku shone with three for Castrillon who beat New Ward Virtue 5-2. Joe Laverty and Terrence Hannon were the other scorers for the winners and Ricky Field and Adam Heath scored replies.

In the **London Sunday Junior Cup** EL Valiente made it through to the quarter-final beating AFC Sporting Meridian on penalties. The game ended 2-2 after 120 minutes after Aaron Marston and Joel Ispendi had scored for Valiente, who progressed after winning 5-4 on penalties.

Beaumont are Vets masters

THE Inner London Football League's Veterans League is now in full flow and in the Premier Division, Beaumont Masters lead the way with two wins out of two while defending champions Tower



MK Galacticos and Clapton Rangers in the Champions Cup

Hamlets are second from bottom.

■ In the **Champions Cup** all ILFL teams were eliminated.

The First Division has six new teams taking part and Stepney Legends lead with a 100 per cent record and with an average squad age of 36, would fancy themselves as division favourites, although current second placed team Mostyn

FC have certainly made a mark, being the team with the highest average age of 46.

Vets Premier Divison: Abohani Vets 1, SYA Vets 0; Bromley Legends 0, Beaumont Masters 2; Tower Hamlets Vets 2, St Katharines Vets 2; Bondhu Vets 0, Riverside 0; Mostyn 2, Redbridge Vets 0; Stepney Legends 2, Tower Hamlets Vets 0.

The **Challenge Cup** held no surprises as SCTA and Reachout reached the final with convincing victories.

In the **First Division** Bow

narrowed the gap with Weavers to two points, after beating their rivals 5-4.

The **Second Division** clash of

the top two ended in a 3-3

draw.

Advantage remains with Robin Hood Tigers whose remaining five games are against the bottom five teams.

Sporting held

SPORTING Bengal had a mixed week, battling to a 2-2 draw against Newham at a windy Mile End then narrowly losing 1-0 to title chasers Barking.

The deadlock against Newham was broken in the 11th minute when a cross found Javier Rivera, who made no mistake. Sporting then hit the crossbar and within a minute conceded and with it the lead.

Sporting struck again in first-half stoppage time, Shahed Ahmed stabbing home.

The majority of the second-half chances fell to Newham. A shot was cleared off the line, before their talented winger cut in from the right and launched a rocket into the top corner after 75 minutes.

Against second placed Barking, Sporting Bengal threw away first-half chances – including a penalty.

On 75 minutes the deadlock was broken. Following a strong header from midfield over the top of the Sporting defence, striker Wale Odedoyun finished low to the keeper's left.

It's Green's day as East cruise to victory

Hockey

IN a weather-ravaged weekend of hockey, East London's men's second team beat Southend 4-1 while the ladies' thirds lost out 5-3 to Colchester.

The men were slow out of the blocks, but a well-worked reverse strike from Tom Sword gave them the lead.

The lead was doubled by Joe Green from a well-worked short corner, but Southend pulled one back before the break.

In the second half Green tapped in his second from half a yard, before scoring a cheeky hat-trick goal.

The ladies faced Colchester in a top-of-the-table clash and, after a shaky first ten minutes, hit three well executed counter-attacking goals.

Hannah Graham's first was deflected

into her own net by a Colchester defender, but her second went straight in.

Maghan Joyce completed East's scoring, and Colchester squeezed one back to turn around two down.

The second half began with Colchester showing real purpose, and they scored four more to win comfortably.

■ **WAPPING** Men's second team still sit three points clear at the top of the East League 2, thanks to a double over Harpenden and Hertford.

The weekend began with a 3-1 win against a young Harpenden first team with Wapping going ahead from a penalty corner through Heye Scheftel.

Harpenden levelled before the interval, but in the second half man-of-the-match Jason Black's pass was slotted home by Fry before another well-worked short corner allowed Paulson to make

certain of the points. Twenty-four hours later the Wapping second team travelled to Hertford to register a 4-2 win with goals from Fry, D'Souza, Paulson and new signing David Guy.

Wapping ladies 1sts 0

West Herts 4

WAPPING began well at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre with some solid defensive work in the first five minutes.

However, West Herts quickly converted their forward pressure and scored the first goal despite some solid work from Wapping's back four.

By half-time, Wapping were down 2-0 and West Herts, switching their passing play around the pitch very effectively, piled on the pressure that resulted in two more goals through well-executed deflections.



East London's Joe Green



More inside

For a round-up of football and hockey news, plus boxing...

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Ruqsana's world crown showdown

Kickboxer Ruqsana Begum (pictured), who works two days a week as a science technician at Whitechapel's Swanlea School, will challenge for the world title in front of her fans in London.

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NEWS FROM TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Olivia holds her own against the world number 3

Judo starlet loses by single penalty point in title decider

BY PETER FAULKNER

OLIVIA Piechota has a bright future in judo and her performance in the Matsuru Dutch Open Esport judo championships is proof of that.

Olivia, 16, was competing in Eindhoven, Holland, against some of the top judokas in the cadets (under-17) category.

Although Olivia, a member of Tower Hamlets Judo Club, did not strike gold as she had hoped, she did come away with the silver medal for the second successive year.

Olivia won her first three matches by Ippon (before regular time), combining excellent throwing techniques with great grappling skills on the ground.

The final match in the 44kg



Olivia Piechota

Olivia showed her quality on the international judo stage again and now she is getting ready for a Valentine's Day bid for glory in the European Cup in Croatia.

Tower Hamlets Judo Club and Stepney Green School were also in action in the London Youth Games event at University of East London SportsDock.

Aminur Rahman, Valentine Lita and Abdullah Boussetoua were the three winners, with runners-up spots going to Jury Campos and Musab Bent.

Umair Rahman, Faezel Uddin and Zeid Sermoun managed third-place finishes.

This was a development event and it was the first competition for most of the players.

It proved to be a valuable experience ahead of the London Youth Games in June.

Ruqsana's world crown showdown

Kickboxer Ruqsana Begum (pictured), who works two days a week as a science technician at Whitechapel's Swanlea School, will challenge for the world title in front of her fans in London.

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BRITISH Muay Thai kick-boxing champion Ruqsana Begum will challenge for the world title in front of her own fans in London. The fight for the ISKA 50.5k world crown against Nathalie Maurel of France takes place at La Scala, Camden on March 1.

Ruqsana trains under Bill Judd at the KO Gym in Bethnal Green and, when she is not fighting, the lady with the fearsome reputation works two days a week as a science technician at Whitechapel's Swanlea School.

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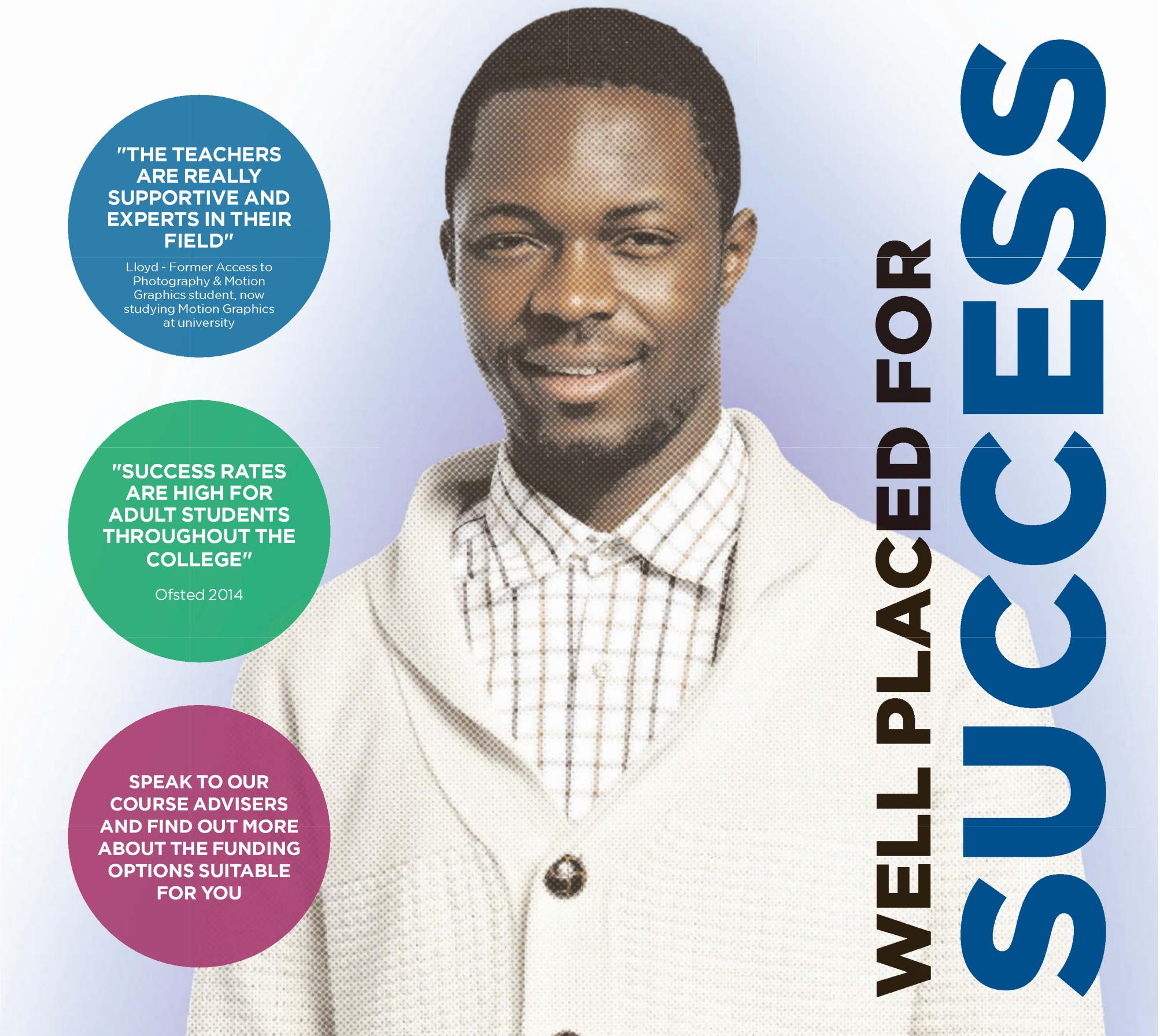
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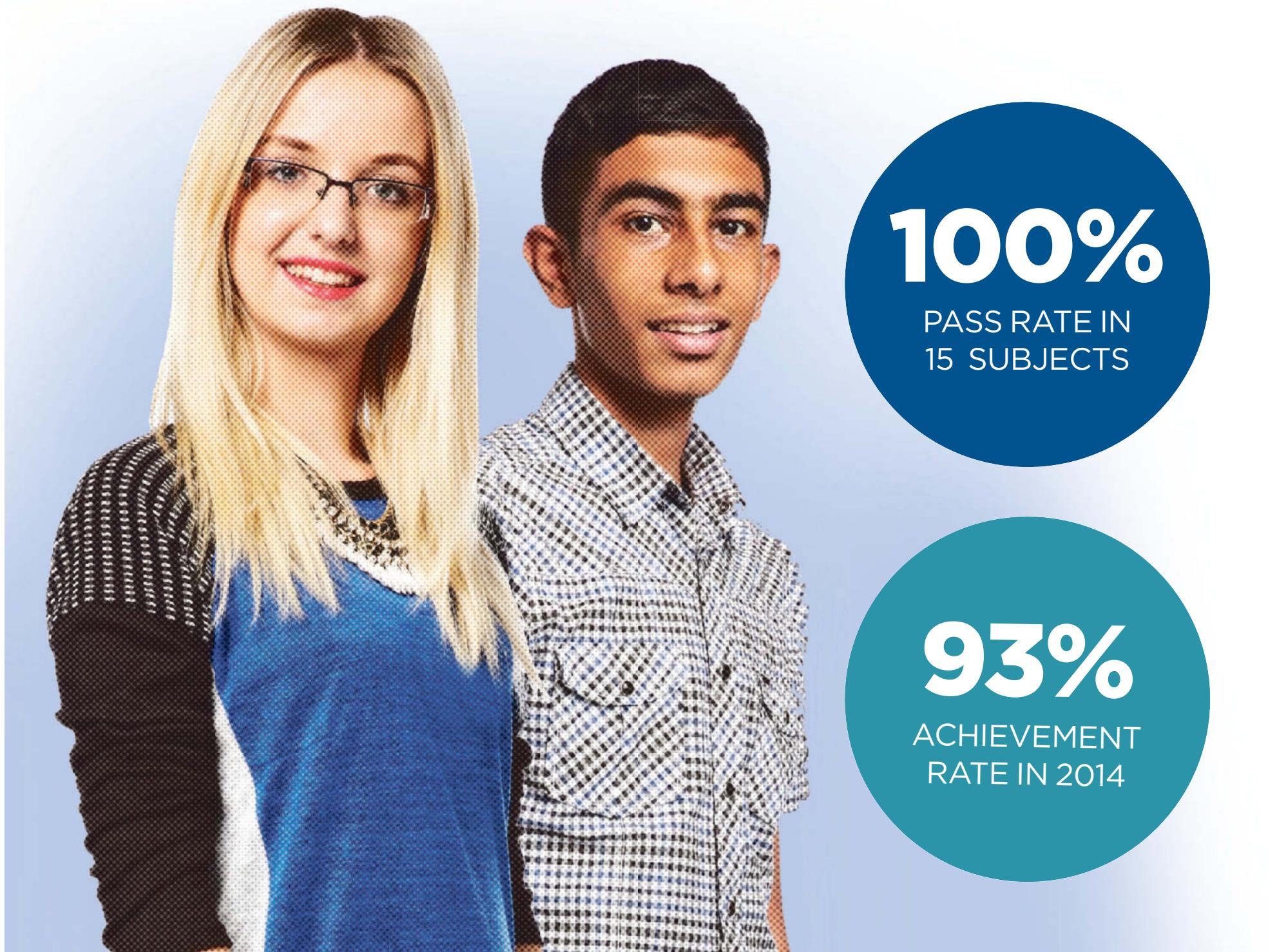


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